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# Calgary's Unique Characteristics

**W**HEN the ill-fated Andre floated over Calgary in his balloon, en route to the North Pole via the Edmonton aerial trail, he became lost in amazement and has not been seen or heard of since. Some scientists affect the belief that the intrepid aeronaut attained a more northerly point and dropped dead in the basket of his balloon while passing over Gallagher's slaughter-house on the banks of the Saskatchewan, with the words "Sweet Edmonton I smell thee noo" on his lips, but authoritative writers seem to favor the Calgary theory.

Calgary has ever been a pleasant surprise to strangers, as well as a source of infinite contentment to those who dwell within her pale.

Climatically, educationally and socially, Calgary stands without a rival in the West. Indeed, so unique is her importance and authority as queen bee of western cities that she is tacitly and ungrudgingly conceded the title of metropolis. As Brussels is sometimes affectionately termed Le P'tit Paris, so Calgary might well be termed Le P'tit Montreal. In hustle, bustle, and ceaseless activity, the city of the plains can compare favorably with any place of its size in the world.

The possibility of Edmonton becoming the permanent capital of Alberta does not dismay Calgary in the least. A political capital is but a shadow compared with a commercial capital such as Calgary now is and will be until there is skating in Hades. She placidly reflects that Chicago is not the capital of Illinois nor New York the capital of New York State, and quietly laughs ha! ha! to all who indulge in chaff at her expense in this regard.

Calgary, moreover, is on excellent terms with her jovial neighbor to the north and takes frequent trips up there on the occasion of hangings at the Fort. Furthermore, Calgary has always been the first to admit that there are quite a number of people in Edmonton who can count up to a hundred.

As regards crops at Calgary, one of the surest and largest is the all-year-round crop of distinguished notabilities who stop off for a moment or two to stretch their legs on their way across the continent. Waking up at Calgary after a sound

twelve hours' sleep in the pullman, they gravely assure the interviewer that they have been "profoundly impressed with the practically limitless possibilities of the West, which is destined eventually to become the granary of the world." They all say the same thing. Such, indeed, is the uniformity of their phraseology that we have long suspected that they are posted to spring this sage platitude by the rigger porters. Even old Li Hung Chang, when he stopped off at Calgary some seven or eight years ago, stated to the mayor that he was "profoundly impressed with the practically limitless, etc."

The photographs in this book speak eloquently of the structural beauties of Calgary. Stephen Avenue is justly accounted one of the finest thoroughfares in Canada, the buildings being chiefly of sandstone quarried almost within the city limits. As will be noted also, Calgary has every reason to be proud of her schools, hospitals and churches,—these, indeed, being her especial pride. Here, too, is a garrison of the North-West Mounted Police, the popular Colonel G. E. Saunders being the Officer-commanding.

The district itself is traversed by a number of rivers, all sparkling mountain streams, and affording great trout fishing in season. As for the climate, it is simply world-famous and needs no boosting here. Suffice it to say, that Calgary has become a favorite health resort, its clear, dry (Monopole) atmosphere and elevation of 3,500 feet, its fresh breezes from the mountains, and bright sunshine, attracting people in need of physical invigoration from all parts of Canada and the States.

Calgary winters are characterised by bright, cloudless days, infrequent and scanty snowfalls, and prolonged periods of warm weather, heralded by the heaven-sent chinook.

Our rapidly increasing population is now about 14,000 and the importance of the city as a financial and distributing centre may be gauged by the fact that there are eight banking institutions and over forty wholesale houses. The new building for last year represented one million and a quarter dollars, a showing which will be largely exceeded by operations of the present year.

The writer sharpens his pencil and lights a fresh cigar as he braces himself to record the completion of the new municipal-owned electric light plant. This may be regarded as the outward and visible sign of Calgary's up-to-date proclivities, public ownership of public utilities being now recognized by economists as the correct and proper caper at this stage of the world's history.

There are so many industries going full blast in Calgary that their enumeration here would be tedious. Lumber and flour mills, sash and door factories, saddlery works, soap factory, etc. are run on a large scale, while the famous cattle firm of P. Burns & Co. operate an immense abattoir with a cold storage capacity of 4,000 carcasses.



But what has probably added most to Calgary's industrial supremacy is the Canadian Pacific Railway. That great national corporation has made this city the most important railway centre between Winnipeg and Vancouver. The C.P.R. pay roll here is over a million dollars a year, and the immense repair shops, yards, divisional buildings, etc. are being constantly extended. The irrigation system, the largest on the continent, which the C.P.R. is constructing, with Calgary as headquarters, is so well known all over the world as to render further description almost superfluous. Together with the marvellous crops of "Alberta Red" winter wheat, it is affecting a marvellous transformation in these parts.

The most popular industry of all, needless to say, is the Brewery. Who has not quaffed a goblet of sparkling Calgary Beer and shouted for more? This establishment is one of the largest and best equipped on the American continent, has a pay-roll of \$72,000 per annum and employs over one hundred hands, shipping out an average of three car-loads of beer daily. It is great stuff.

No write-up of Calgary would be complete without a reference to its banks. We are proud of many things in Calgary, but probably no city in the world has so many fine banks in proportion to its population. Views of their splendid habitations will be found throughout the book.

The hotels, too, are a welcome comfort to the pilgrim and a joy forever to the proprietors. Calgary is now exceptionally well off in this regard. So well patronized are the hotels that it is always advisable to wire ahead for rooms.

But, after all, what makes a city great in popular esteem is the people in it. The secret of Calgary's steady success has lain in the sound calibre of her citizens. Ever since her humble start on the banks of the Elbow twenty-three years ago she has been blessed with a singularly high type of men to run her affairs and whoop things along. True, the gentlemen who sit in council these days have to put up with a shocking amount of abuse, but they wag their heads good-naturedly and pursue the even tenor of their way, knowing that the roasts they get are due more to time-honored custom than to malice.

Socially, Calgary stands high in the scale. Few cities of her size, for example, can boast of so much musical talent. Operas and oratorios are given from time to time by resident amateurs with a degree of excellence that leaves nothing to be desired, while private musicales unfold equally expert talent which prefers to blush unseen. Dramatic performances also, well up to professional standard, are frequently put on and meet with huge popular success, while, especially during the winter months, balls and social functions occur almost nightly, making the season delightfully gay and the winter delightfully short.

The two theatres, the Lyric and Sherman's Opera House, are seldom dark, theatrical and operatic companies

coming and going all the time. Boxing carnivals and wrestling tournaments are also much in vogue.

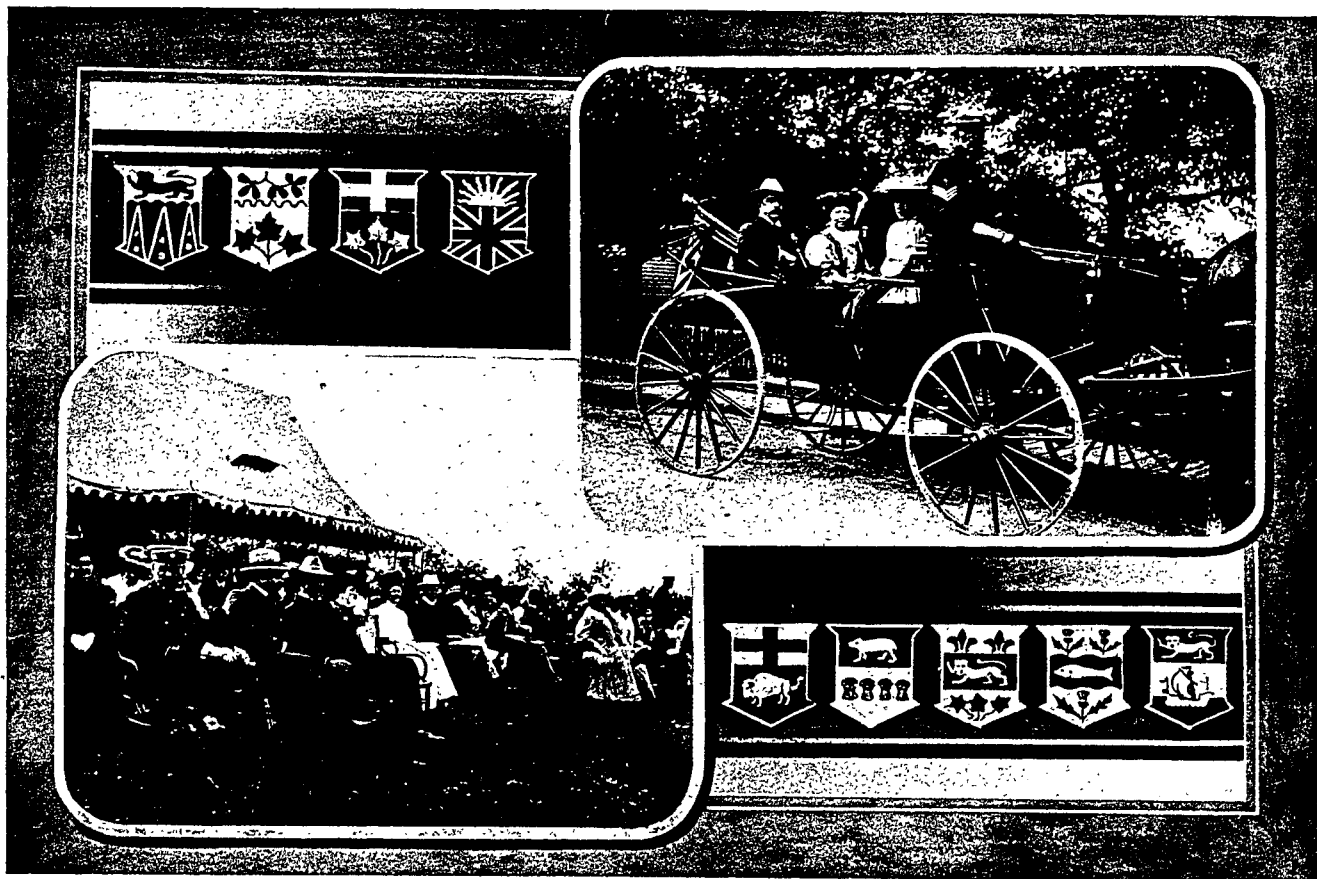
The stranger who visits Calgary is not permitted to remain a stranger long. If he be a decent sort of a chap and socially sound, he is put up at one or other of the clubs and told to make himself at home. Here in an atmosphere of camaraderie and Scotch and Soda he soon feels at ease and learns to press the button without a tremor at the psychological moment

Should the visitor be an Englishman just ovah, there is always some genius around to chat with him about the Pytcheley hounds and the last Leger, or, be he an American, he will find congenial companionship with men who can talk him to death over the wrongs of Mr Hearst and the engagements of Alice Roosevelt, to say nothing of the peach crop in Delaware. Calgary is full of well-travelled men, all ready for the serious or the gay at a moment's notice, and willing to please.

The only type Calgary seems to have little use for is the colorless, neutral-tinted person. No matter what peculiarities or eccentricities a new man may have, be they very good or very bad, he is all right so long as his personality is distinct and well defined. Much is forgiven the man of human frailties who does not affect a virtue which he does not and never will possess. The spirit of charity permeates the west. On hearing of another's bad break, the only comment passed is a gentle laugh, a touch of the magic button and some one observes pleasantly, "It's his way."

If you were an unpleasant sort of person—  
For instance, very gruff and violent,  
Disposed to shout and roar and-rip and curse on  
A slight occasion, giving temper vent—  
They'd say,  
"It's his way,"  
His meaning, I know, is all right,  
It sounds odd, but I'm sure you'll like him in time.  
His bark is worse than his bite."  
  
And if your education were neglected—  
Your manners such as should inspire disgust,  
And though you would not let them be corrected  
They still would find excuse for you, I trust,  
They'd say,  
"It's his way,  
He's rough as a cocoanut mat—  
An unpolished gem"—you would hear that from them—  
"But still he's a man for a' that."

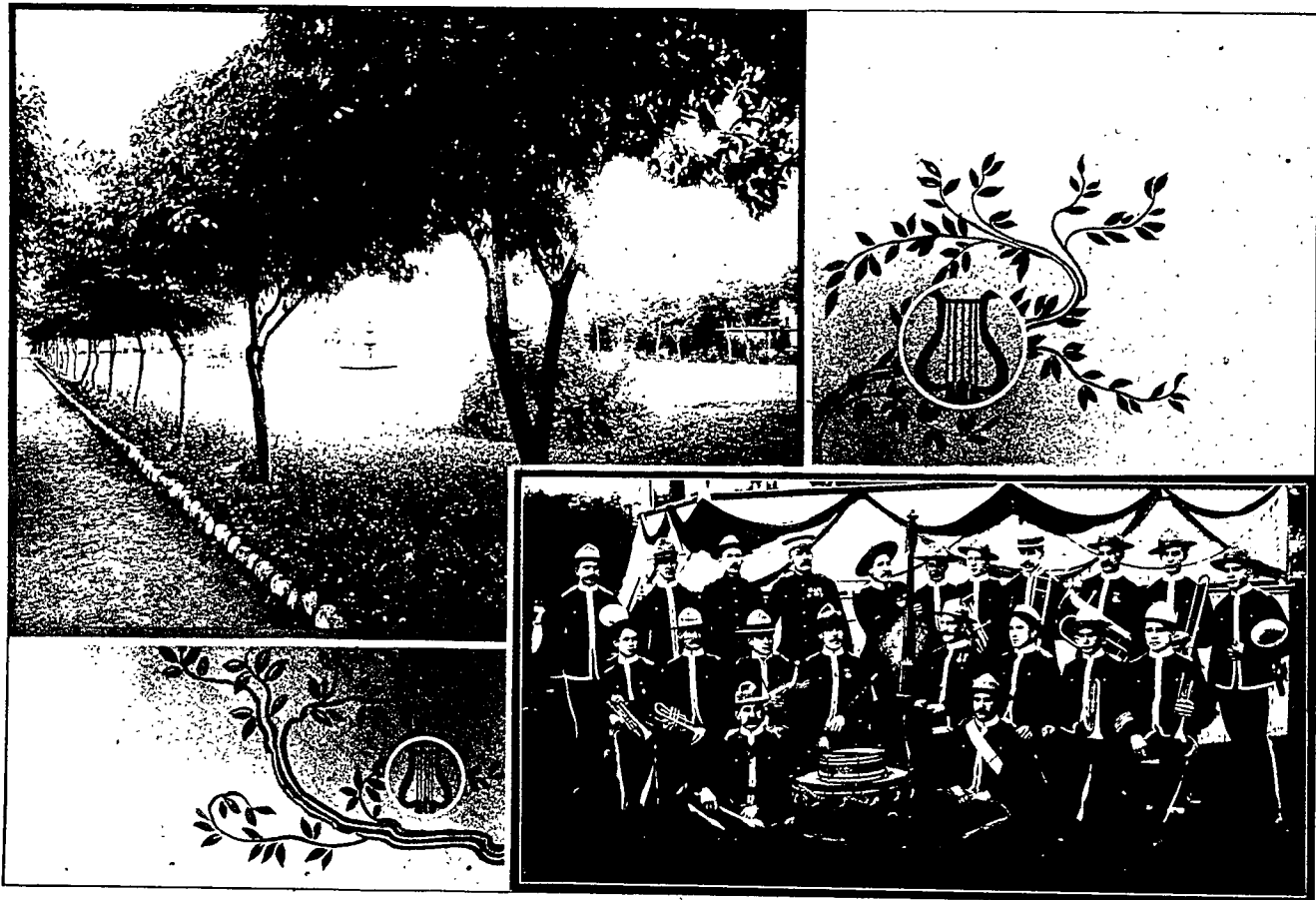
You might to certain vices be addicted—  
To drink, we'll say; to gambling, too, perhaps,  
Your passions might be wholly unrestricted  
And into sodden profligacy lapse.  
They'd say,  
"It's his way"—  
Adopting a sorrowful tone—  
"His heart is all right, in misfortune's despite,  
He's nobody's foe but his own.  
  
But if you were a harmless kind of person,  
Quite shy and wholly insignificant,  
So meek that you would show yourself on  
Occasions just to murmur what you want.  
They'd say,  
"Bah! Go 'way!  
You make me awfully tired!  
Perhaps you mean well, but how can I tell?  
Move on, now, before you are fired."



EARL GREY and Party

EARL and COUNTESS GREY and LADY EVELYN

C P R Gardens



15th Regiment Band

Residence of T. OWEN BALDWIN

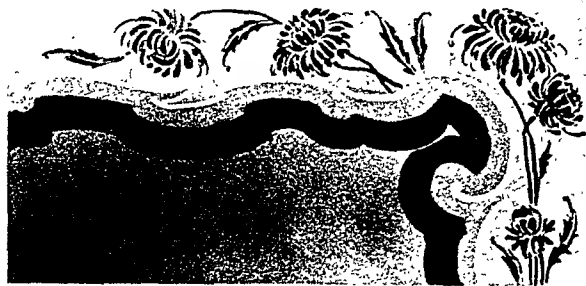


A Glimpse of the Island

The Bow near Calgary



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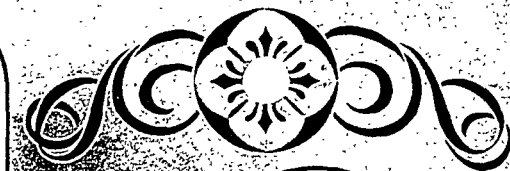


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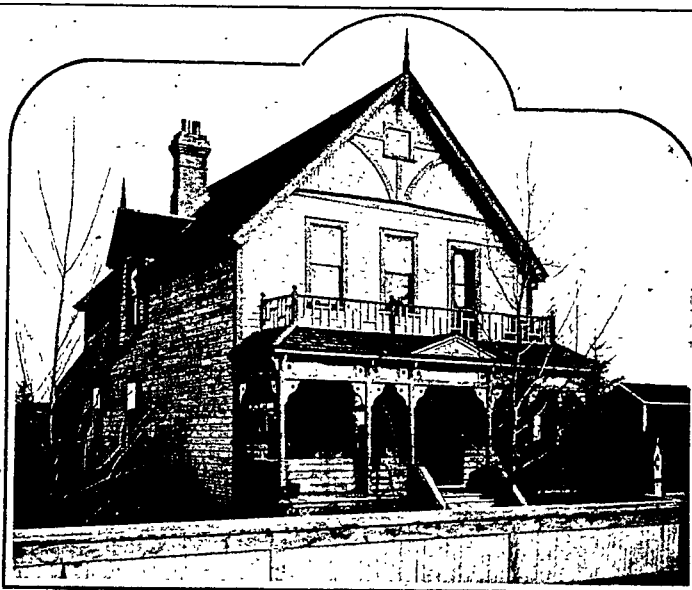




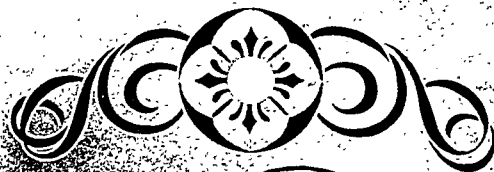
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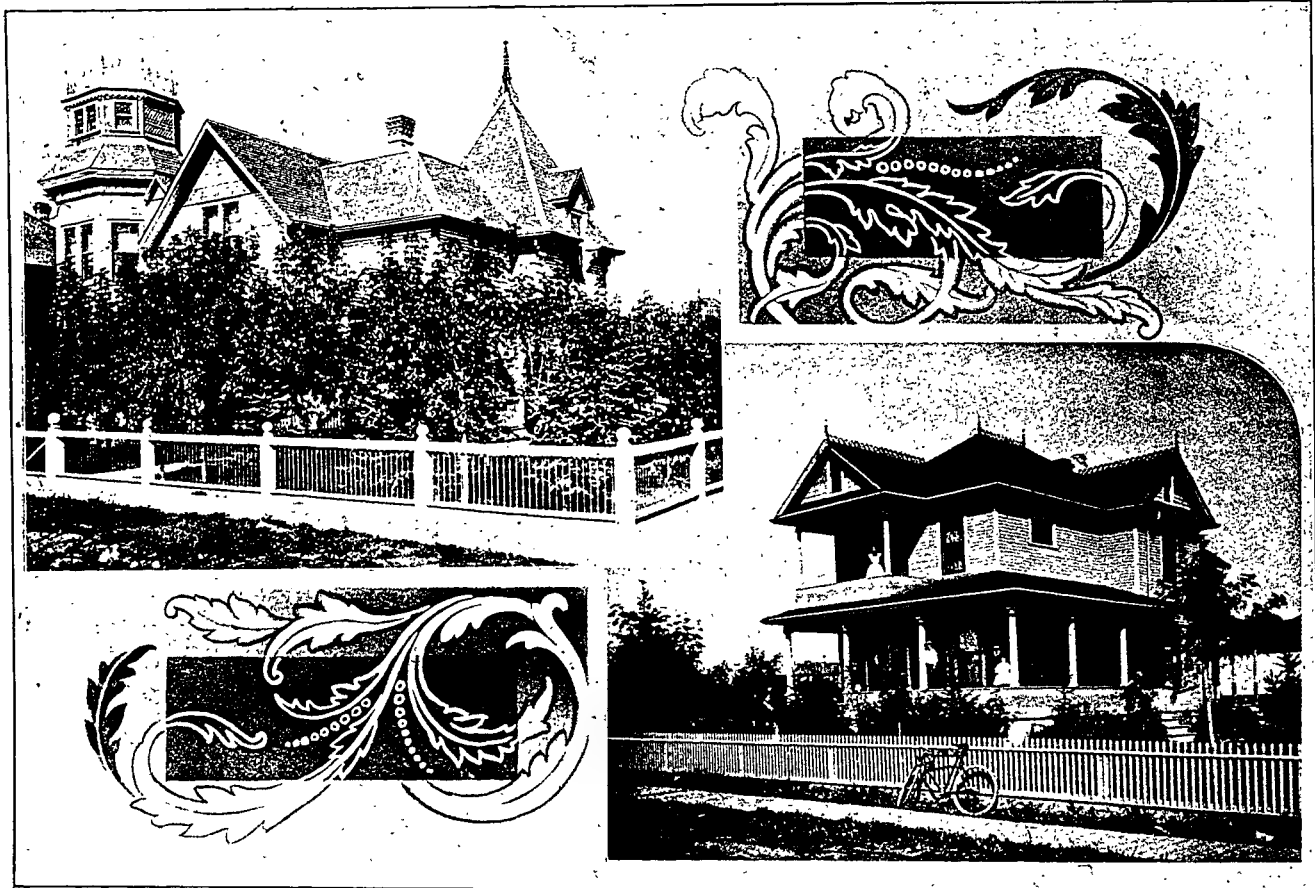




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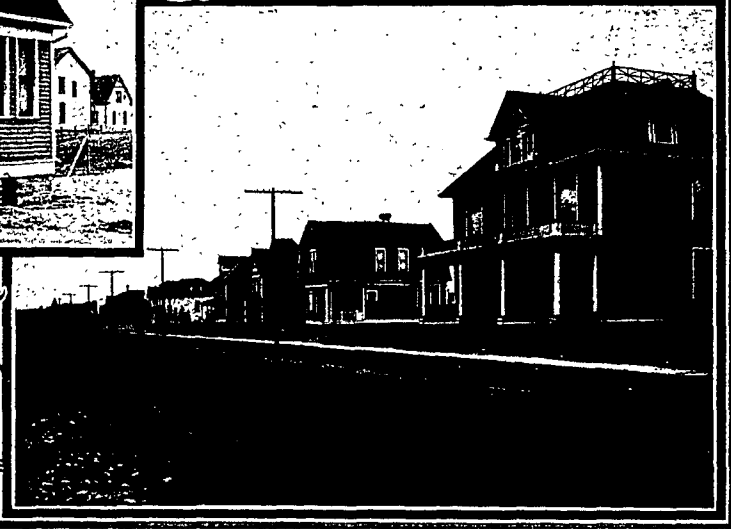


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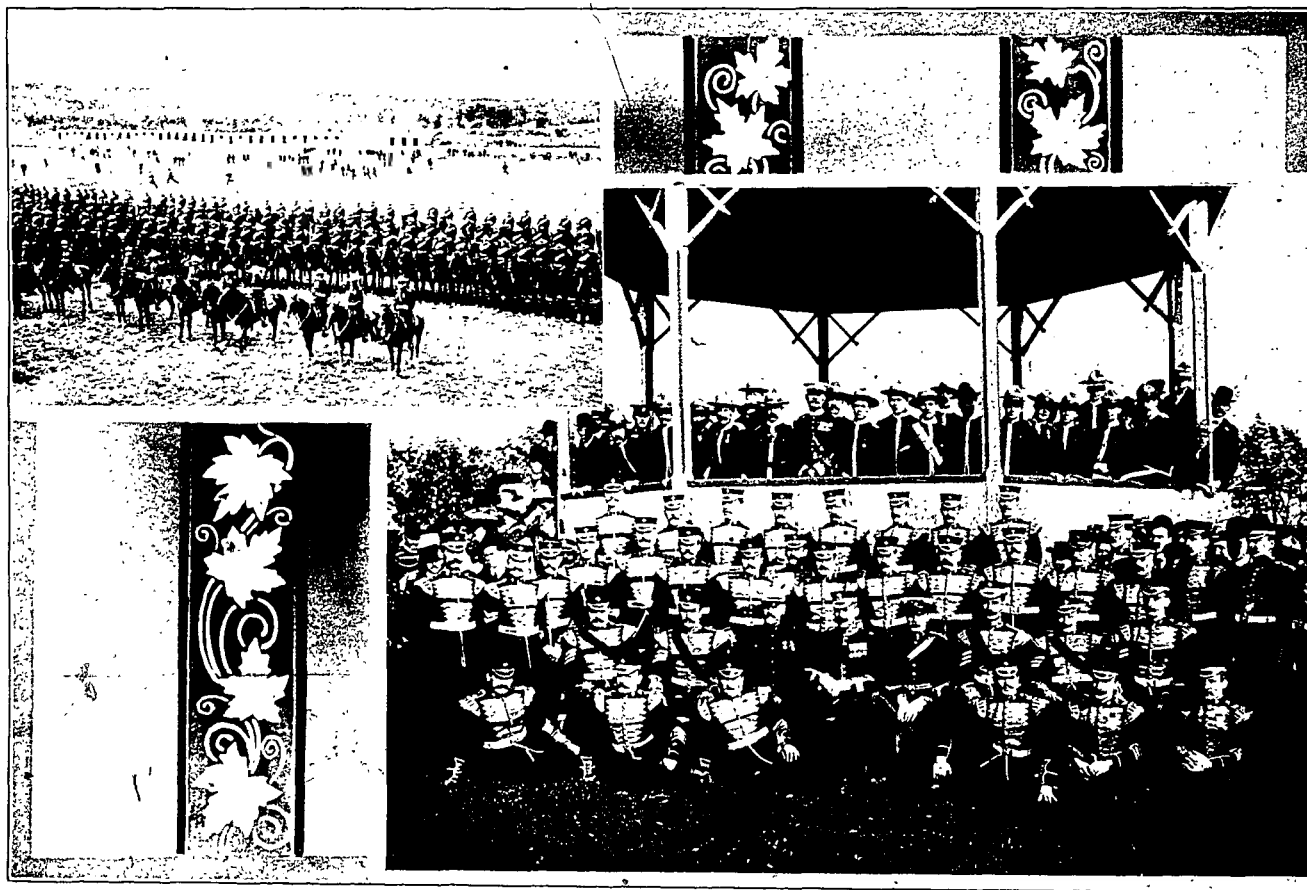
View on the Bow



View on the Elbow

Fourteenth Avenue looking east

R N W M P



Irish Guards and 15th Regt. Bands



Residence of D. W. GILLIES

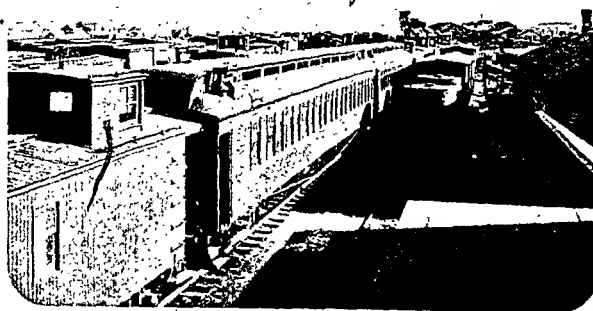
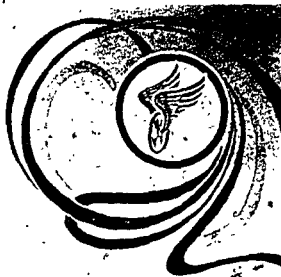
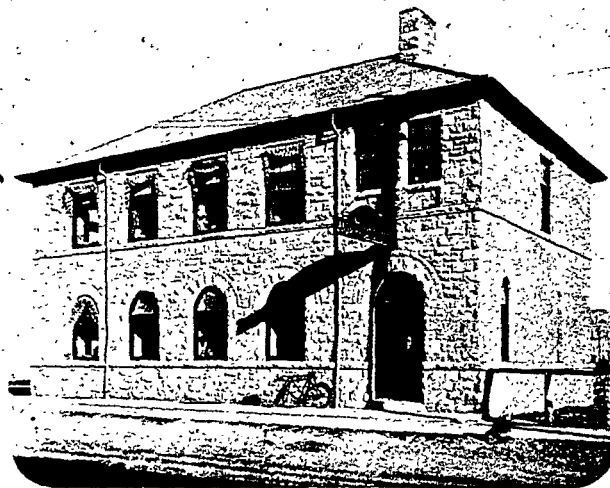


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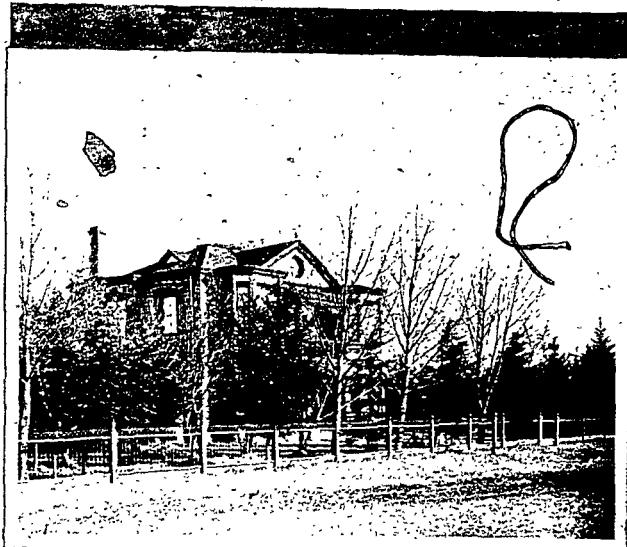
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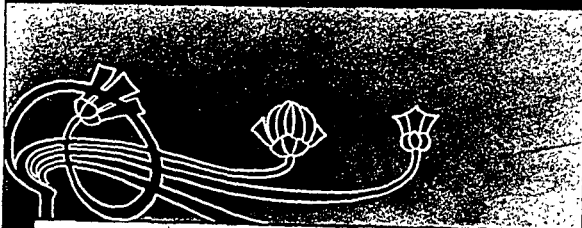
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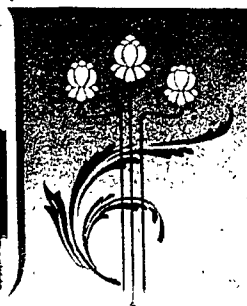
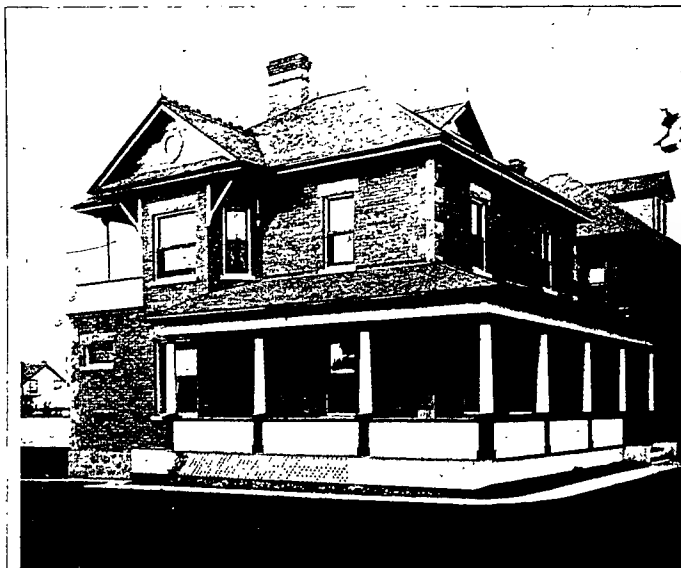
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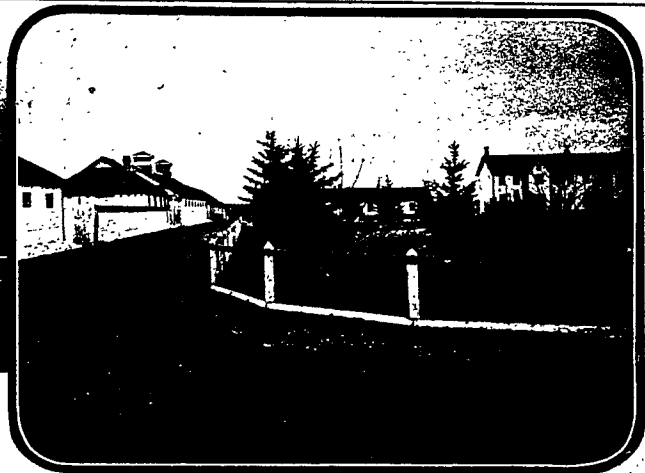
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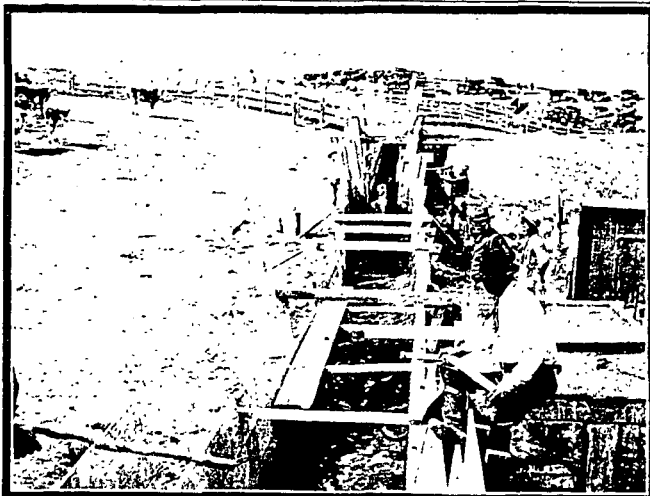
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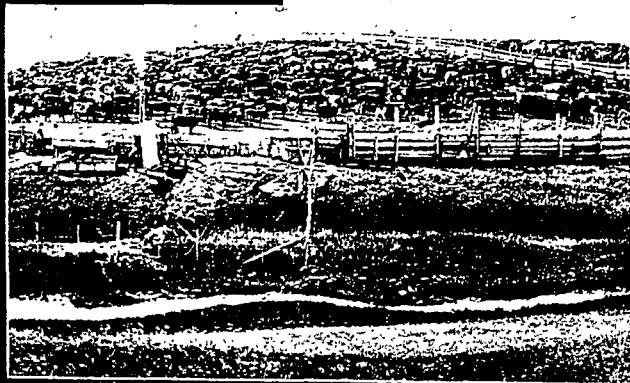


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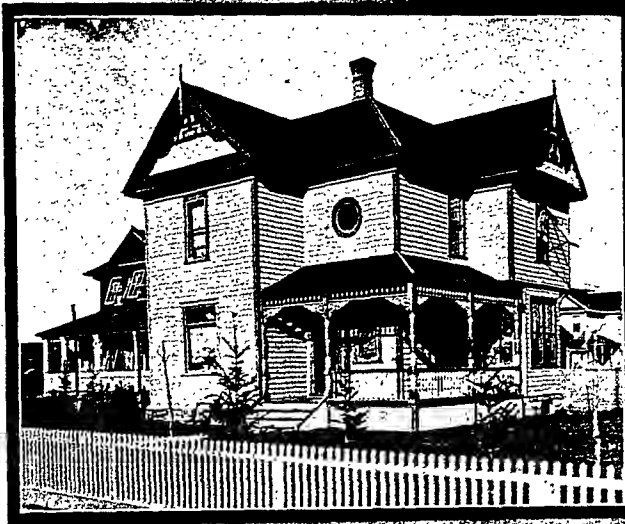
Cattle going through the Dip



A favourite Watering Piece



A Cattle Dipping Station

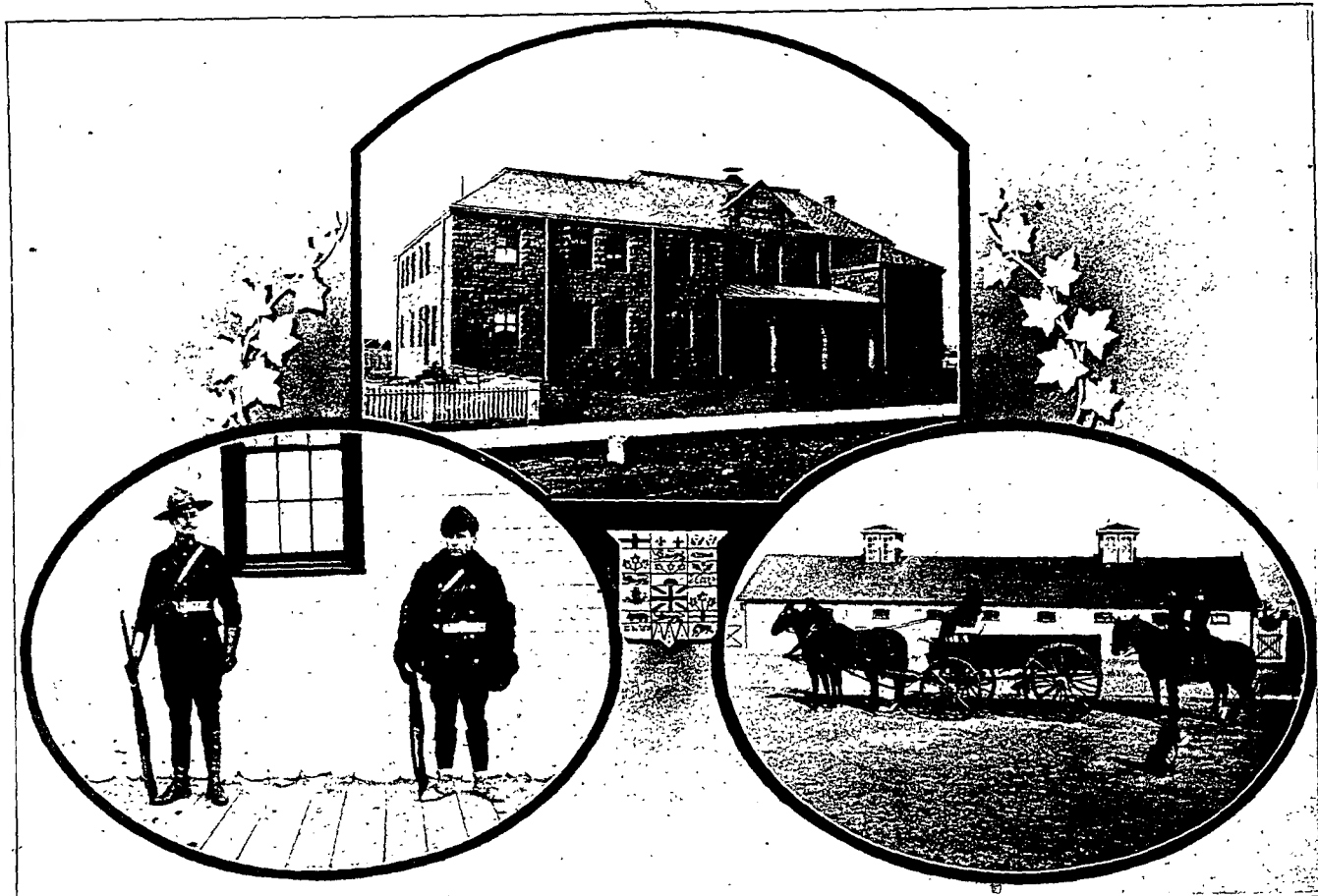


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Residence of F. T. WEIR

Calgary's Court House

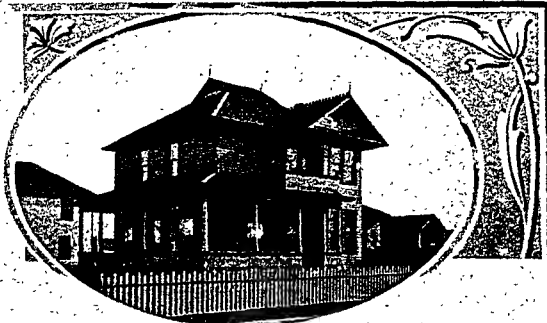
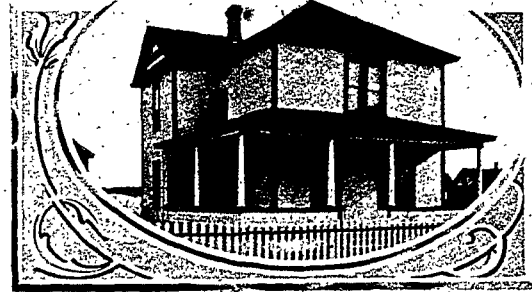


R.N.W.M.P. in Summer and Winter Costume

Mounted Police Patrol Party

St. Hilda's College

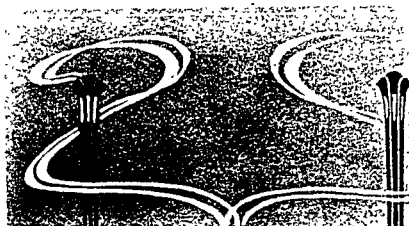
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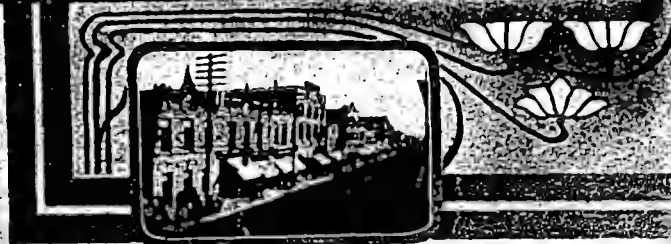
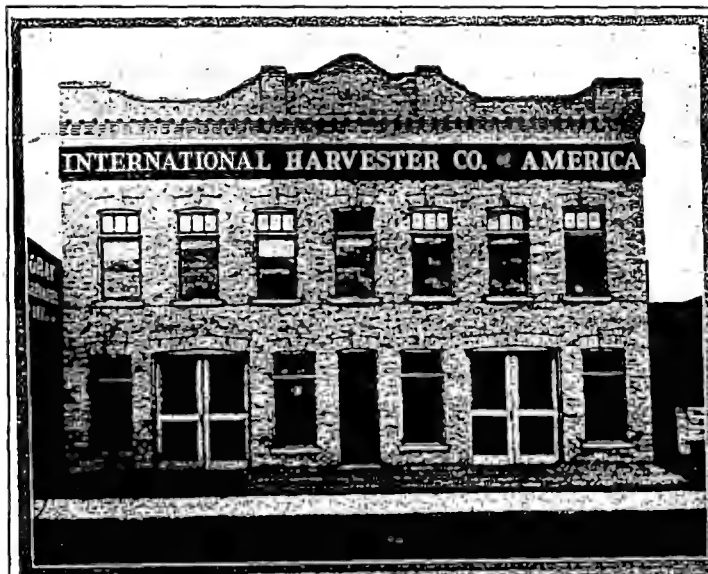


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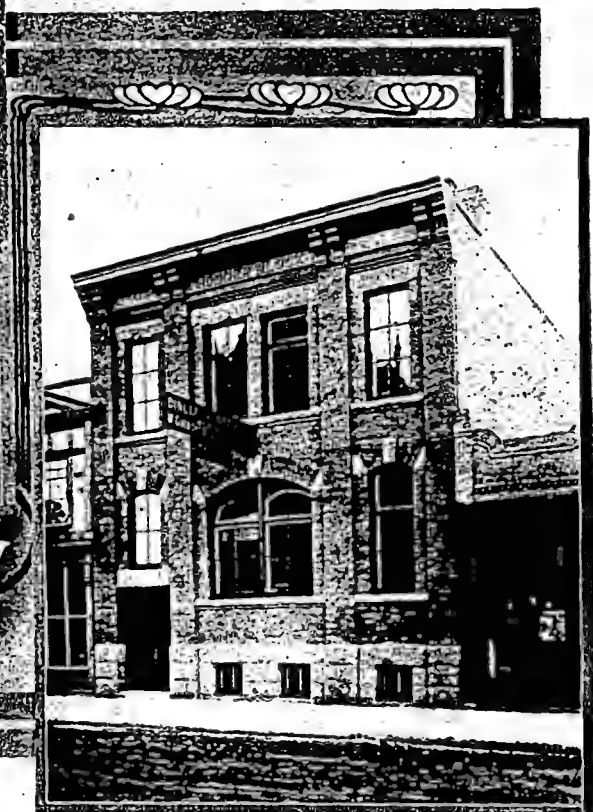


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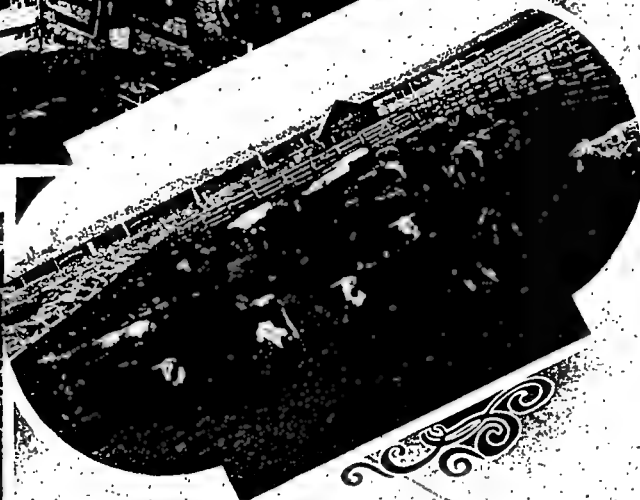


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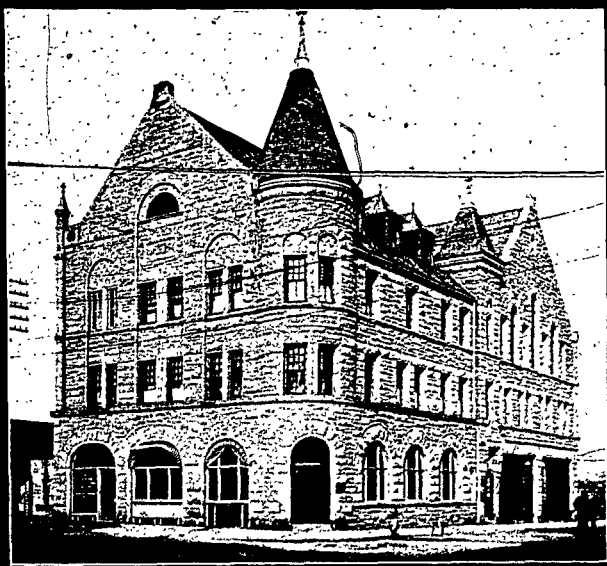
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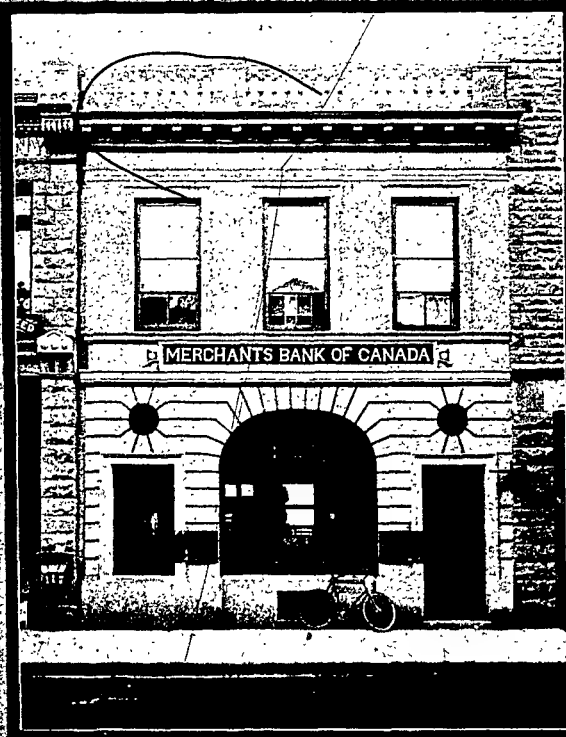
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The Molsons Bank



The Merchants Bank of Canada

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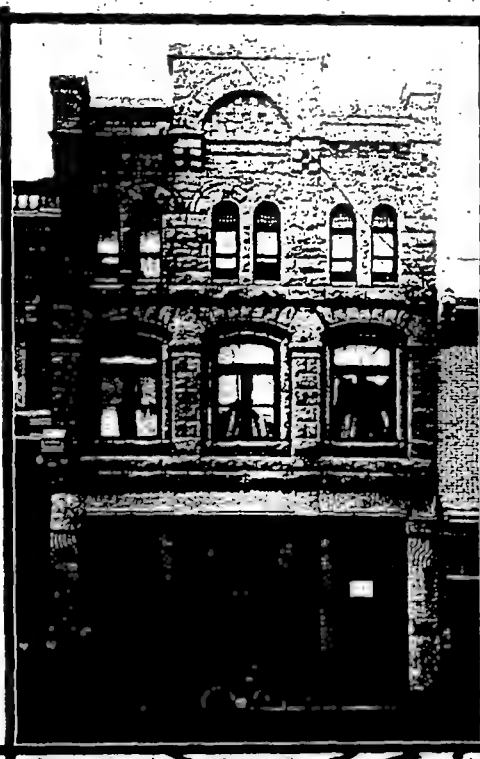
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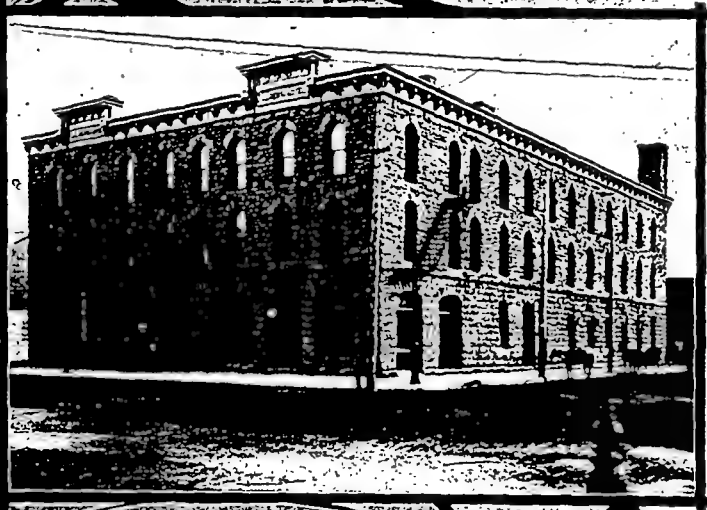
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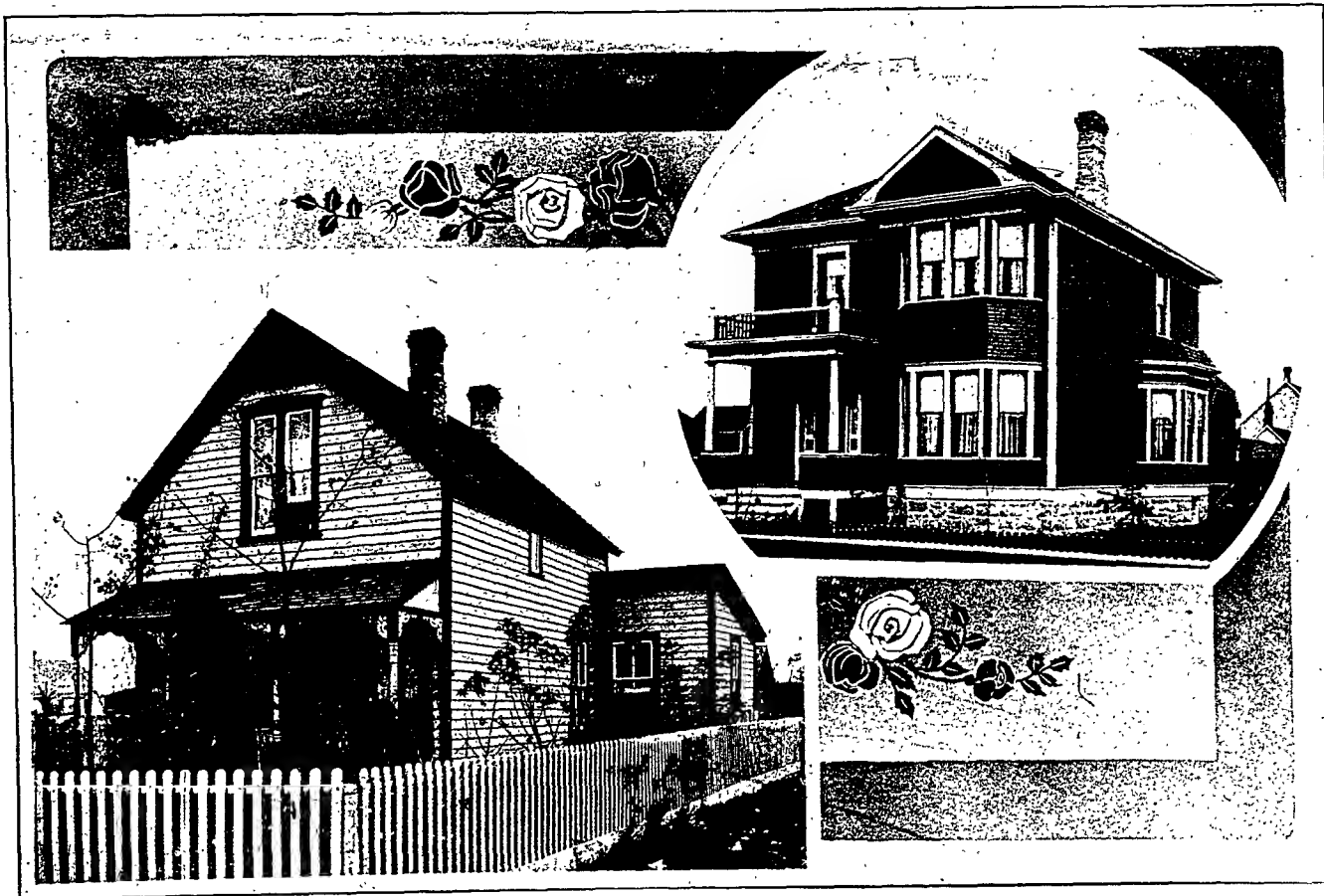
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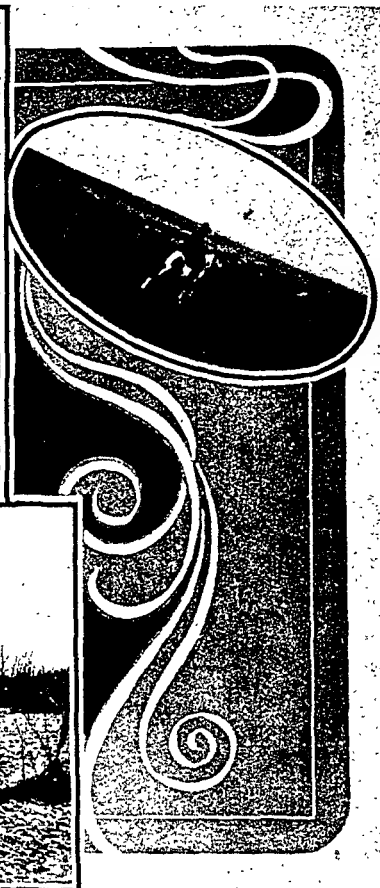
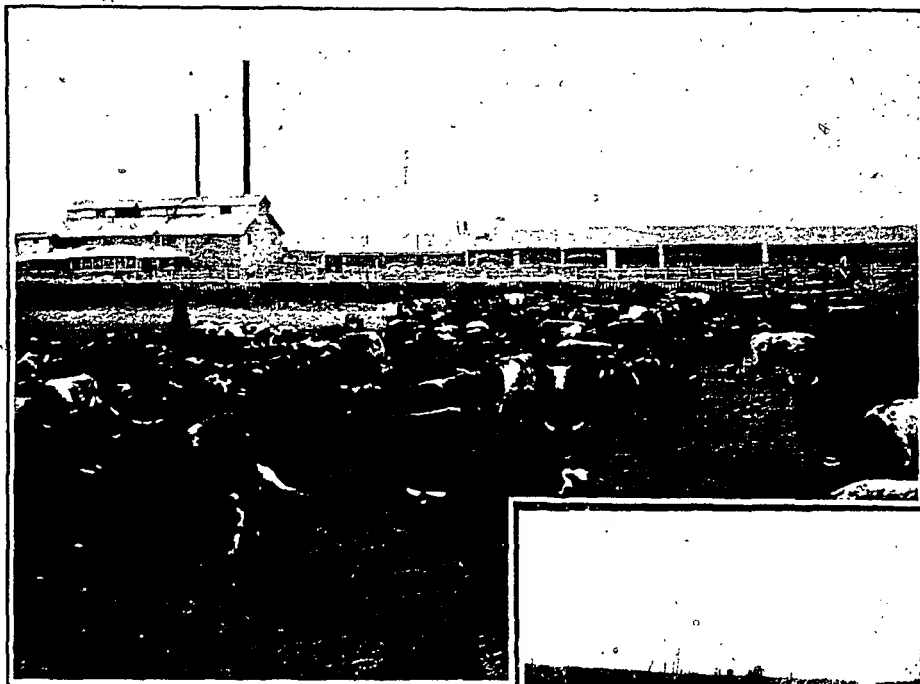


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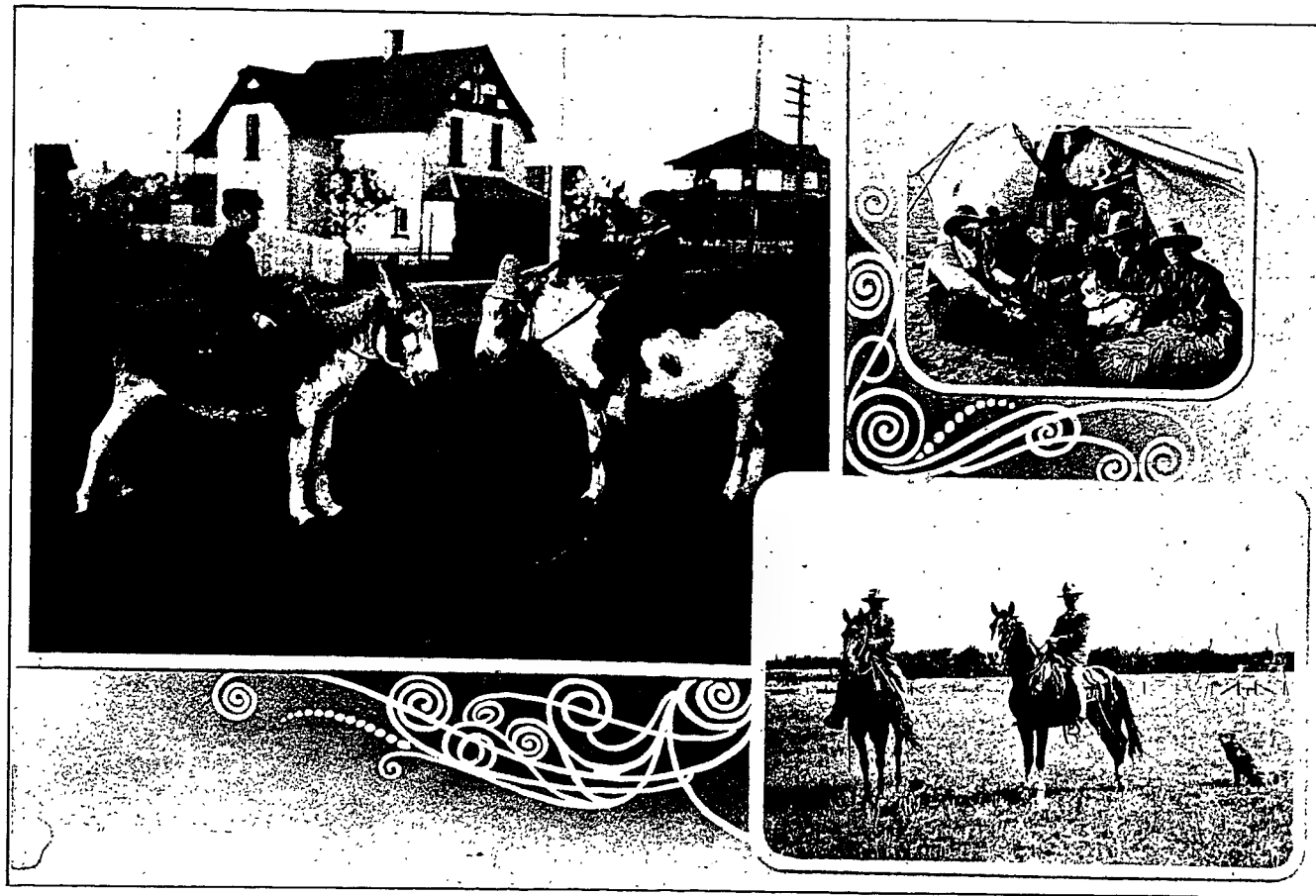
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Where the Good Red Beef that Feeds Old England Comes From.





A Striking Variety Afforded by the Great North West.

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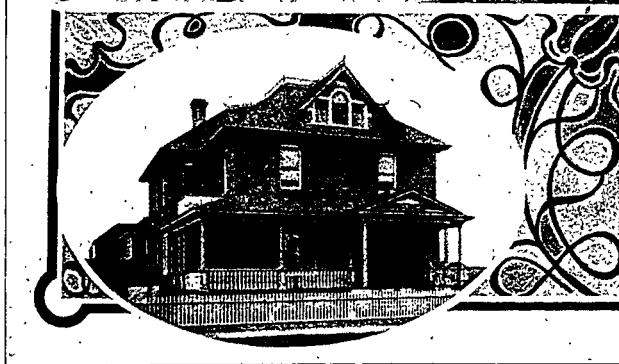
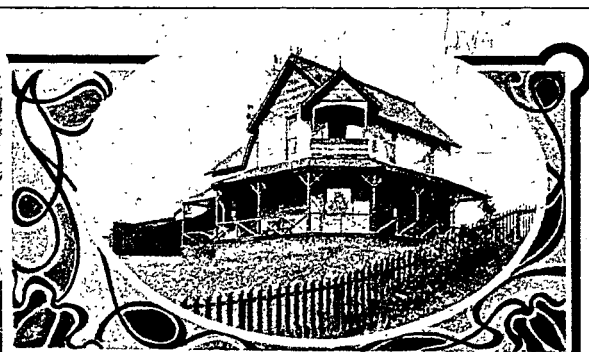
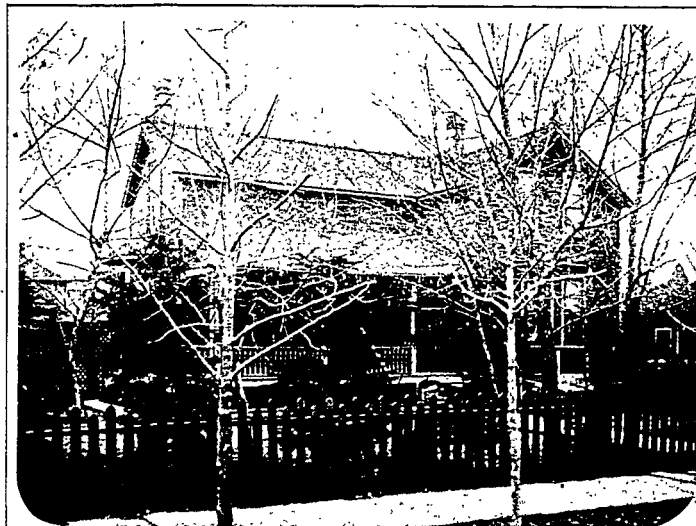
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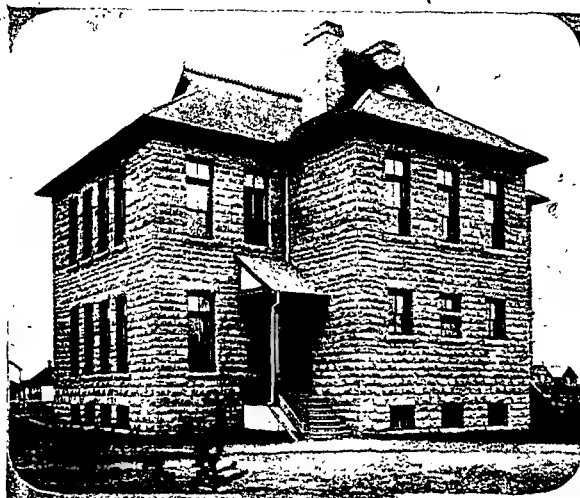
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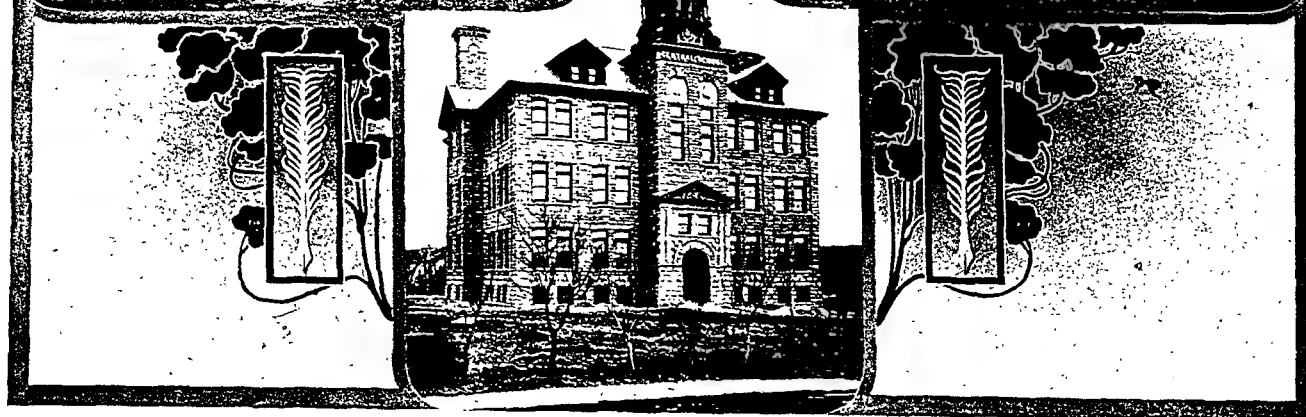
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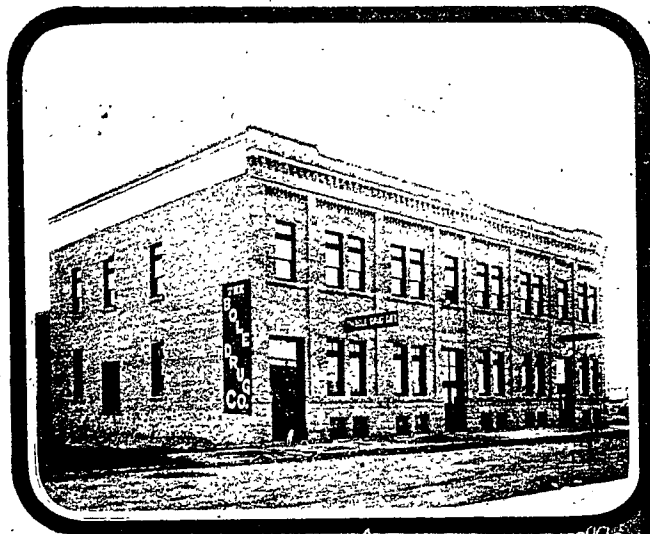
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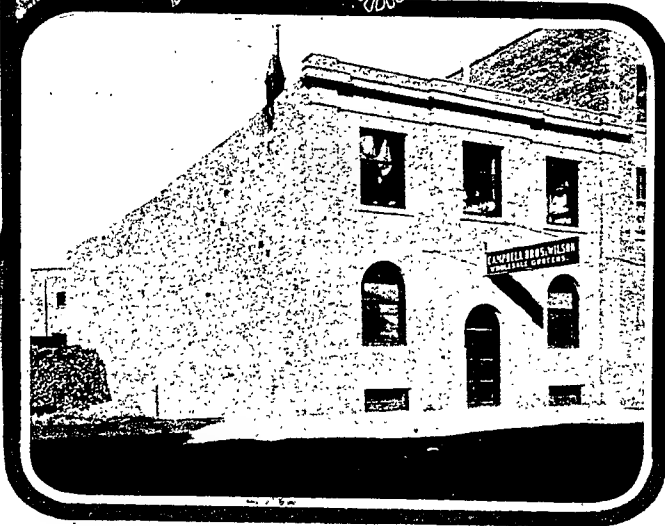
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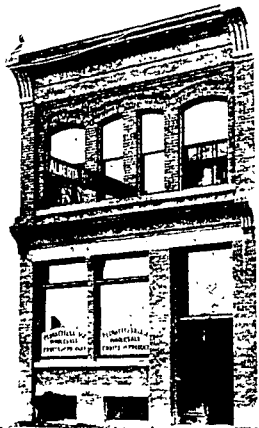


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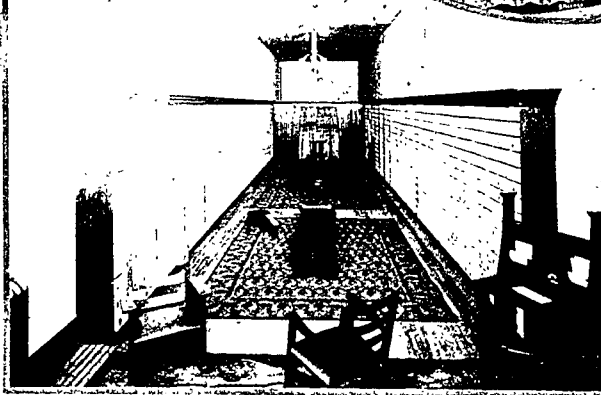
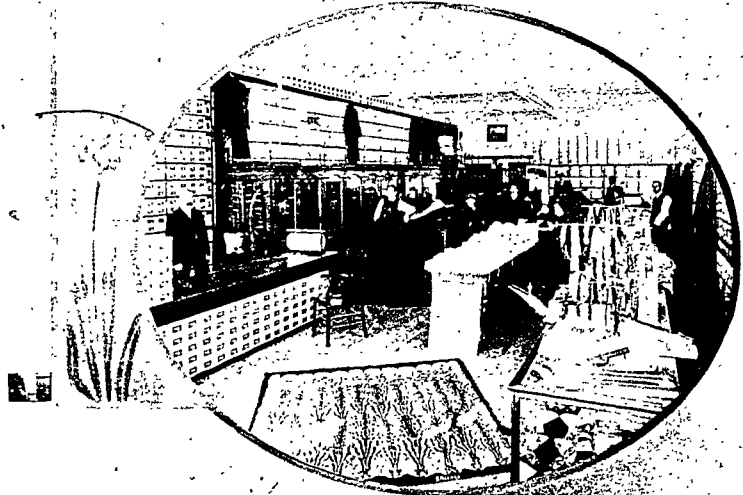


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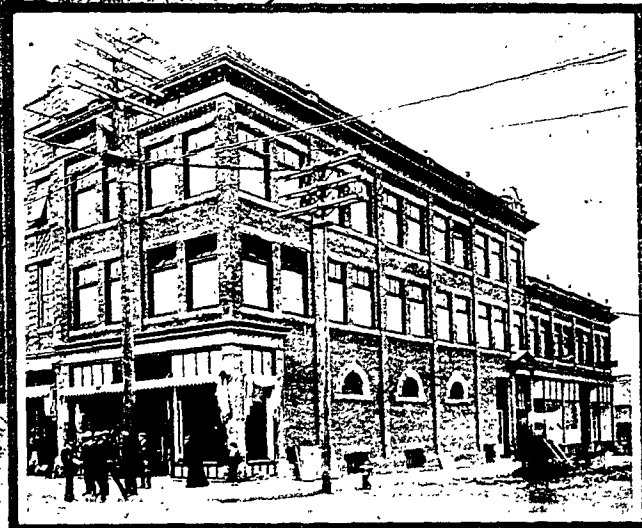
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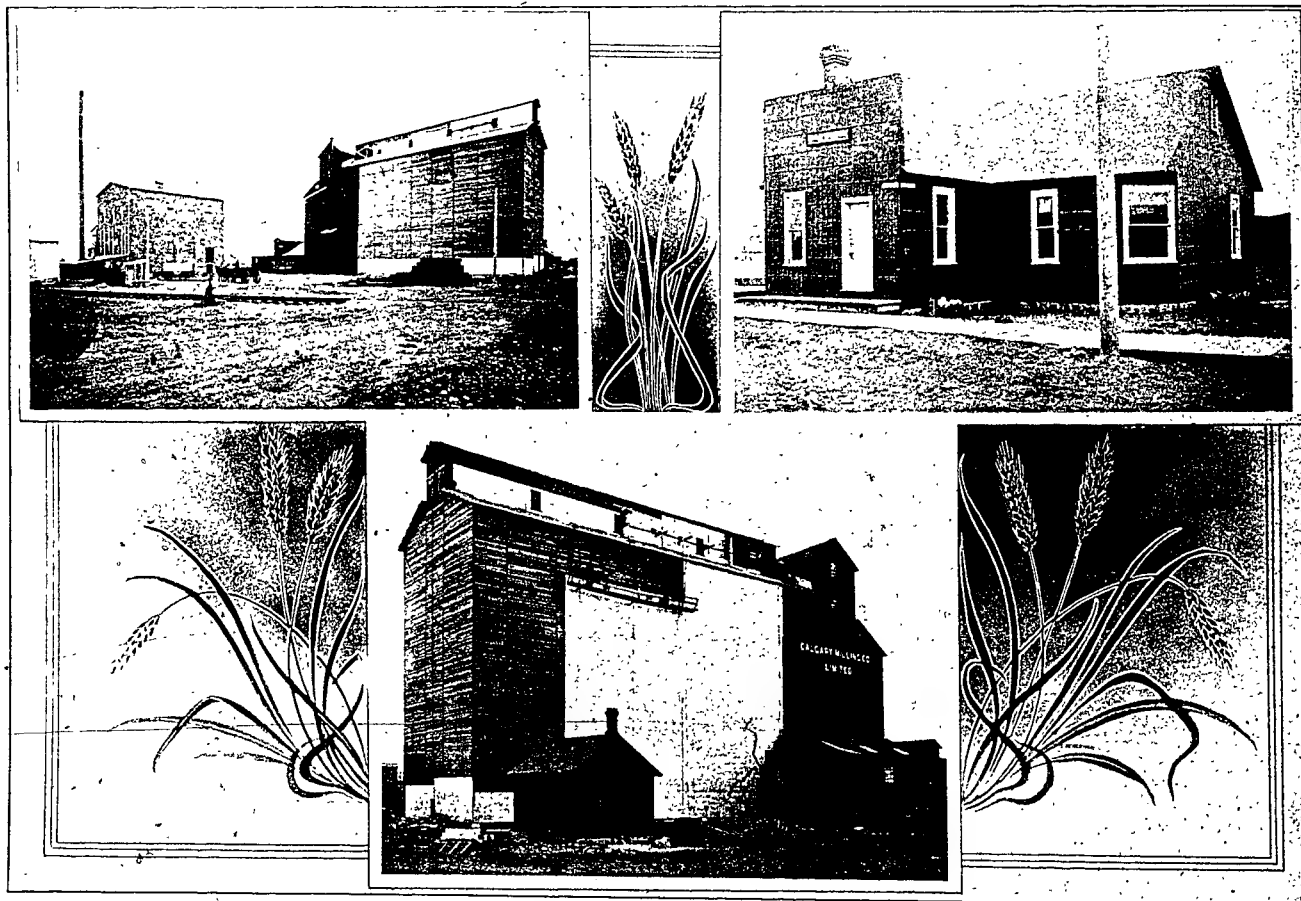
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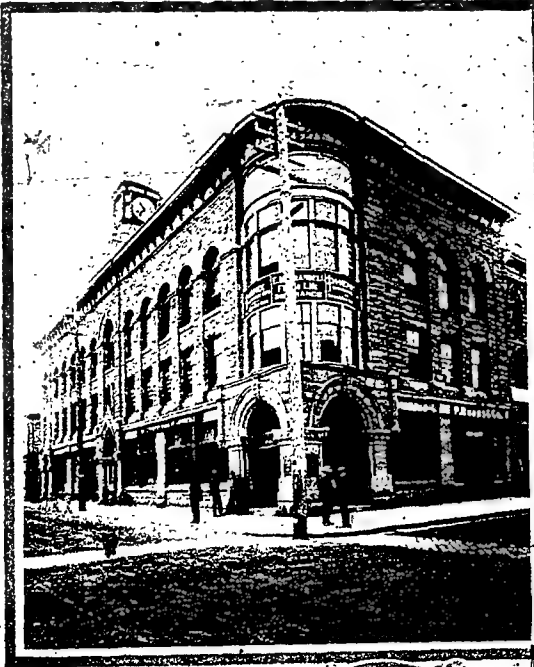


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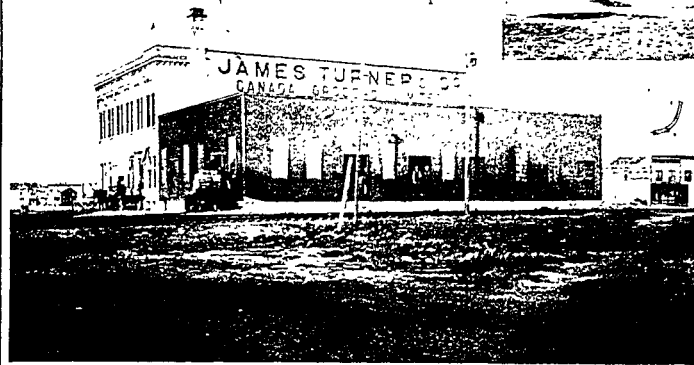




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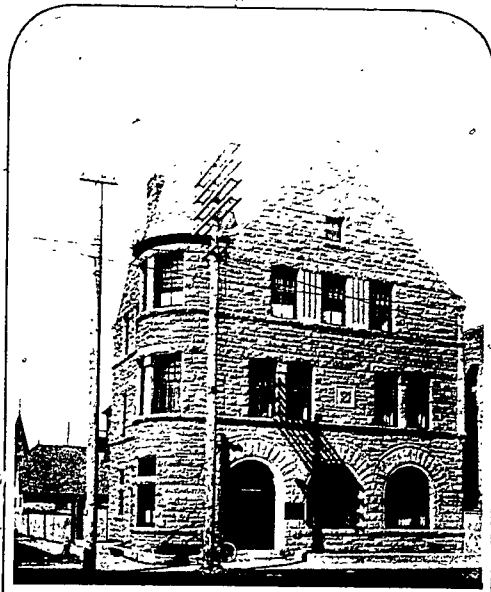


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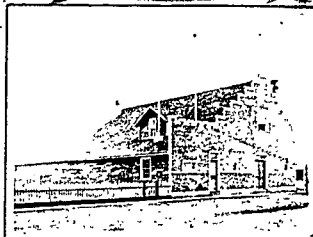
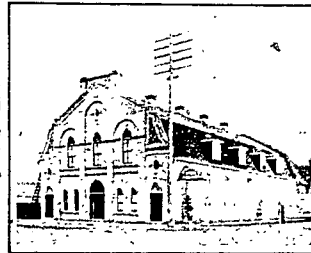


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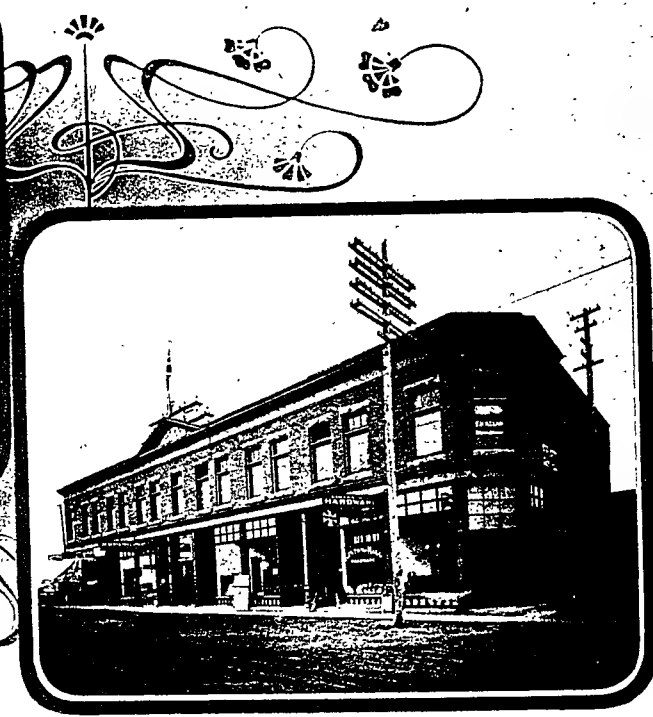
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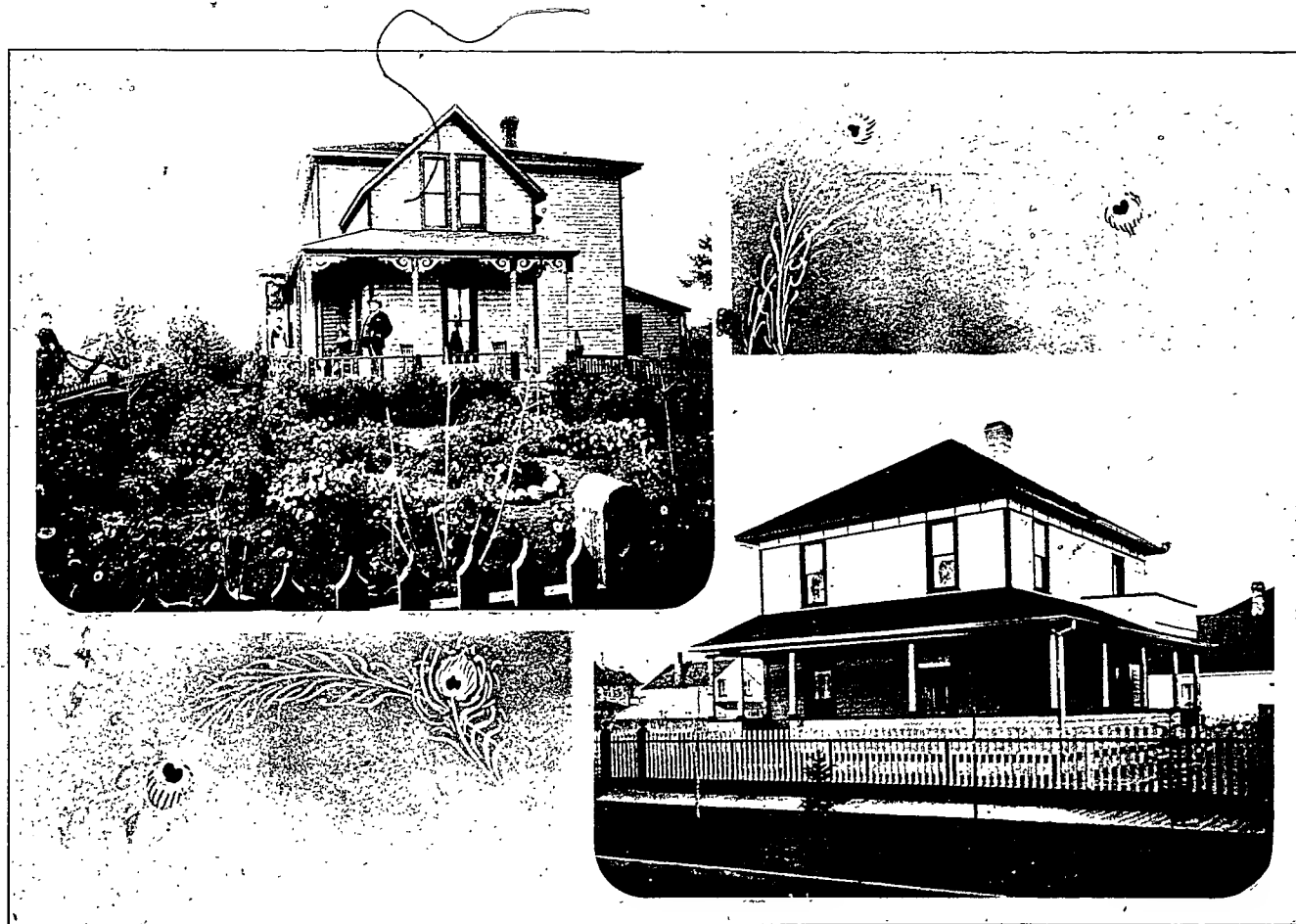
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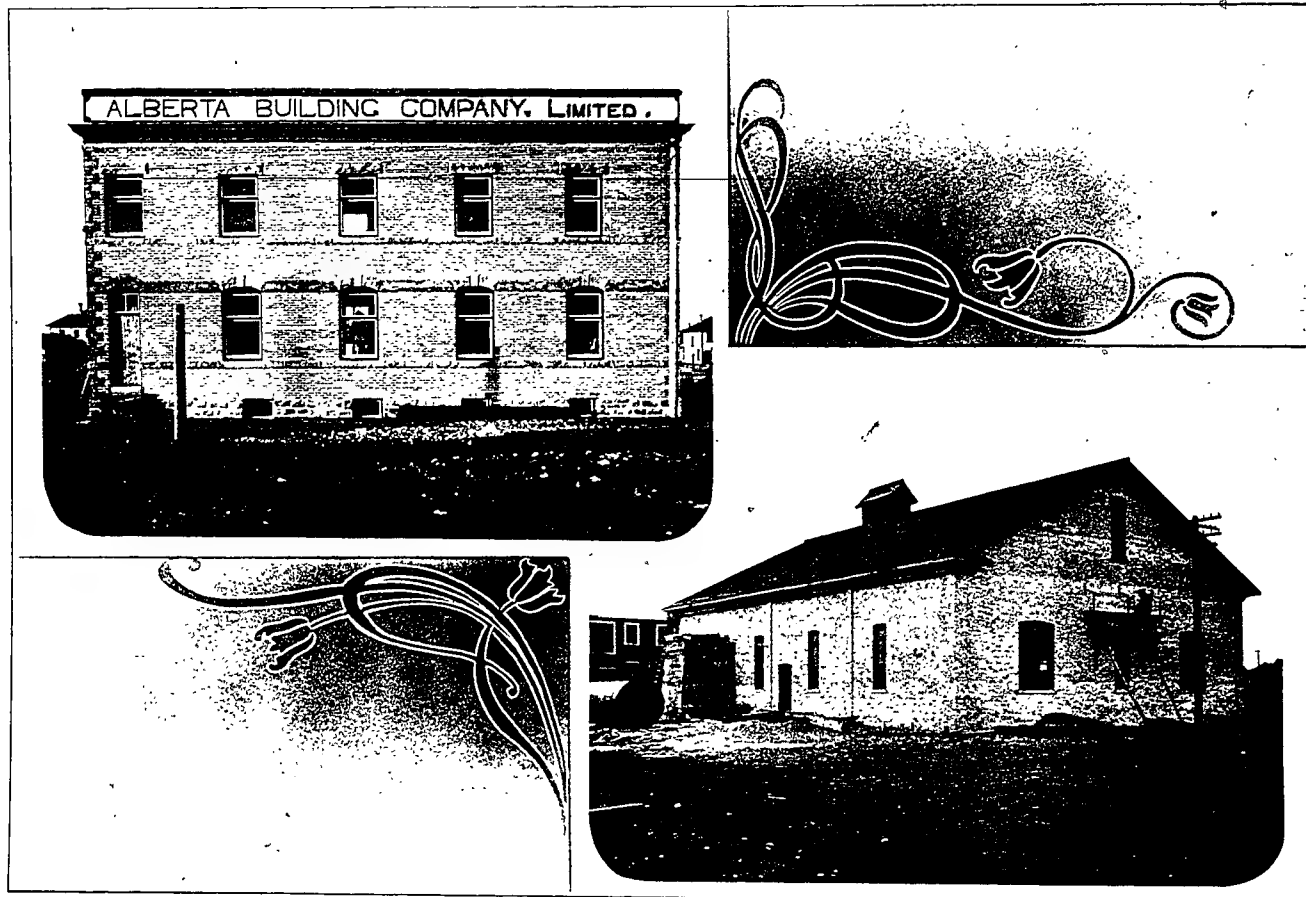


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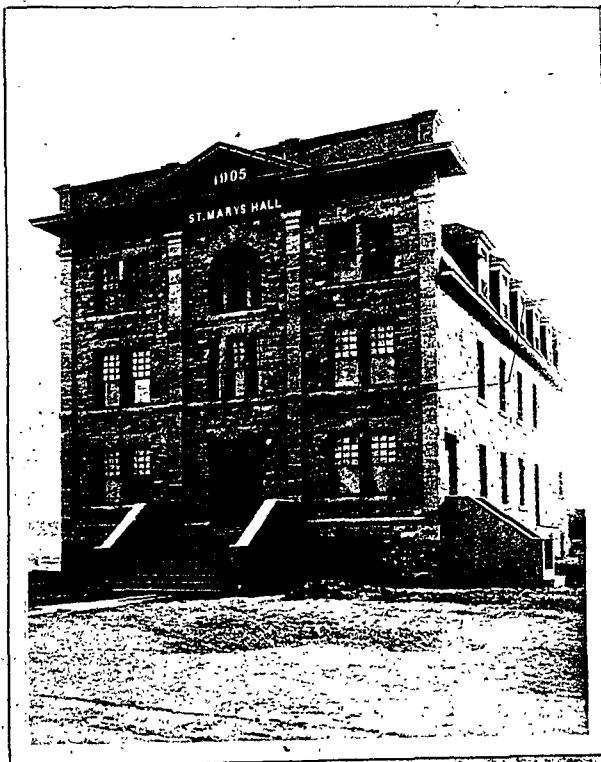
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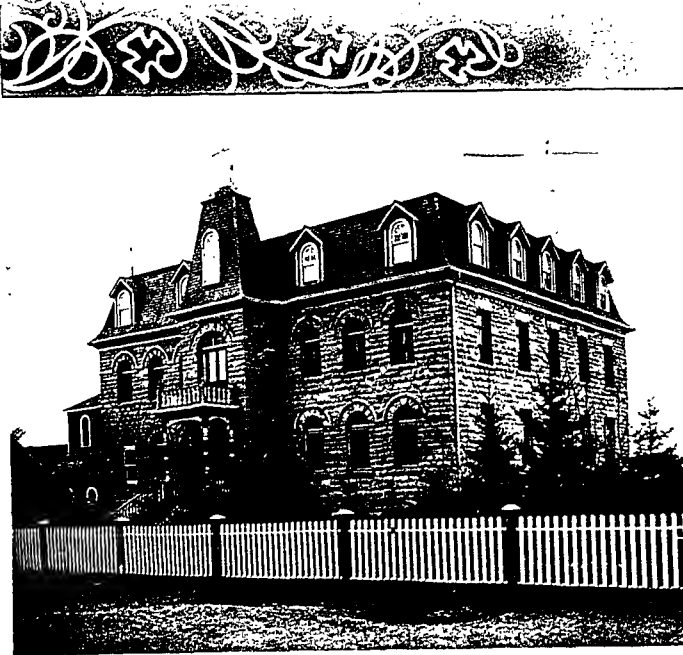


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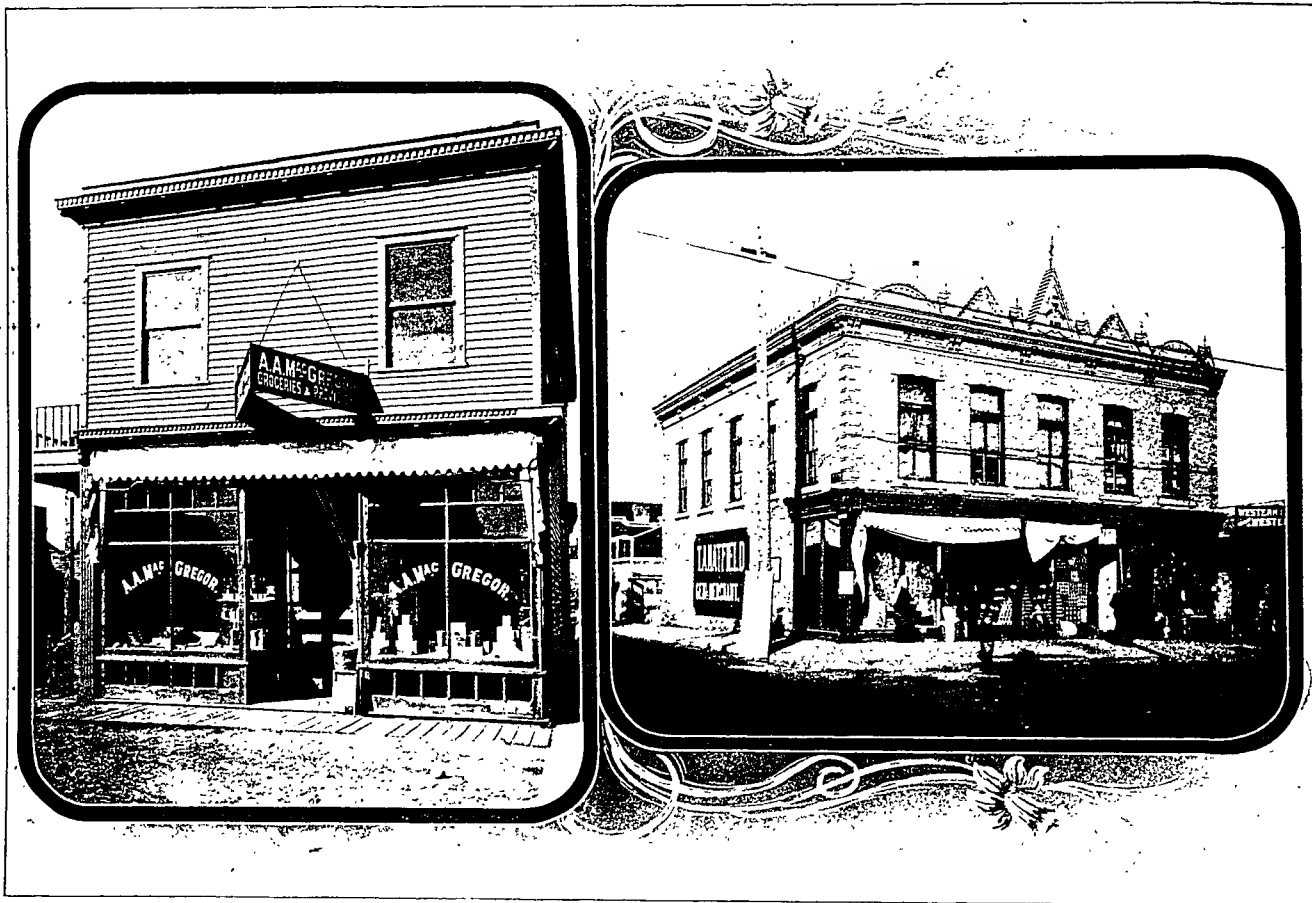
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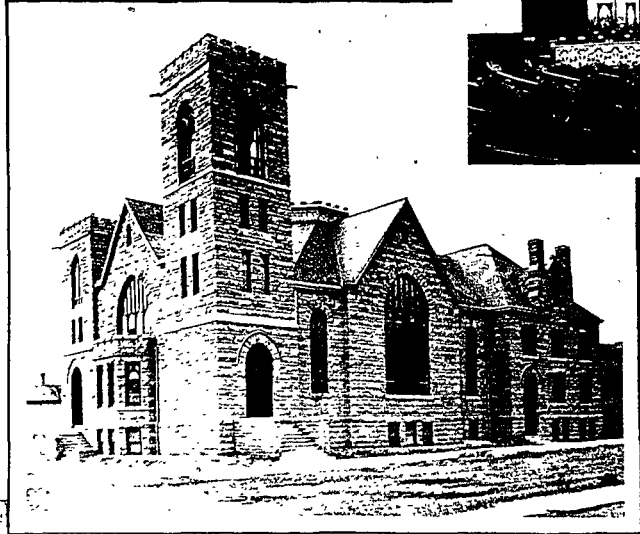
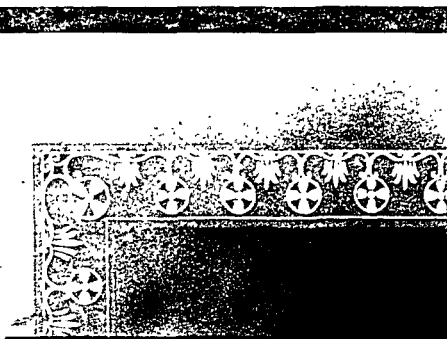
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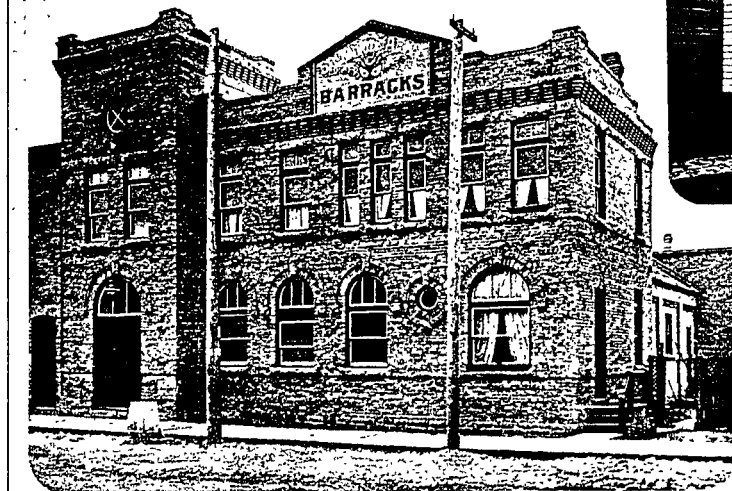
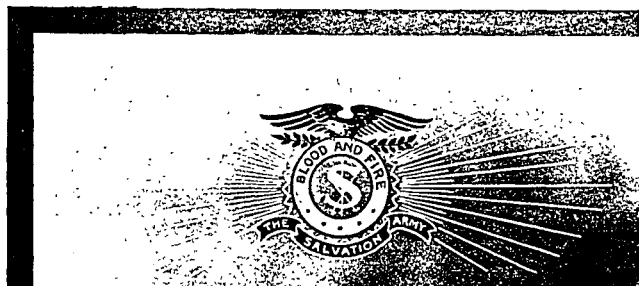
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Ornamented pulpit in Central Methodist Church



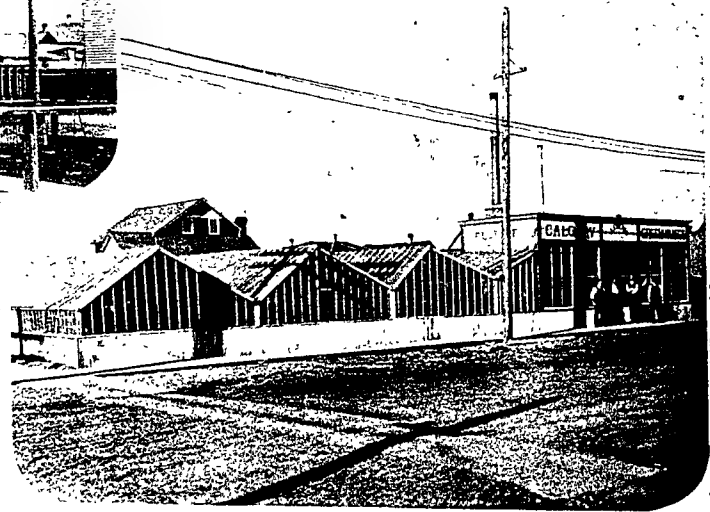
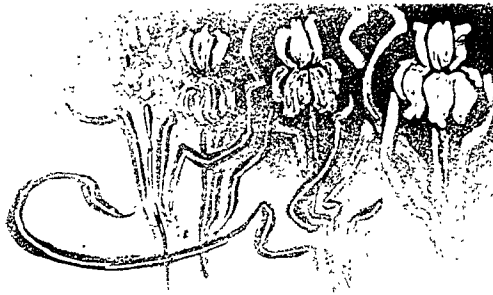
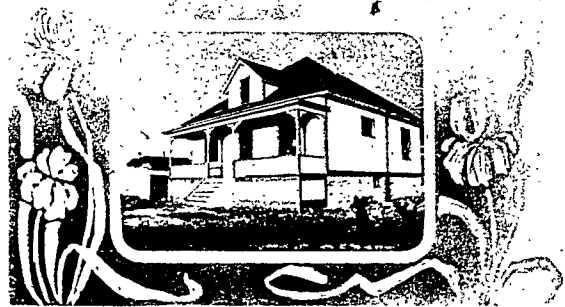
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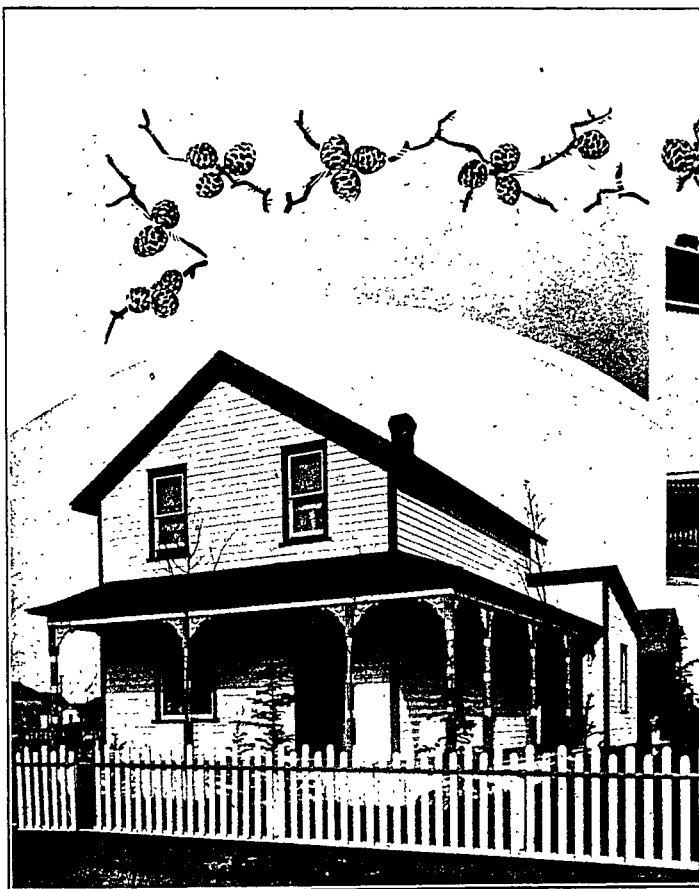
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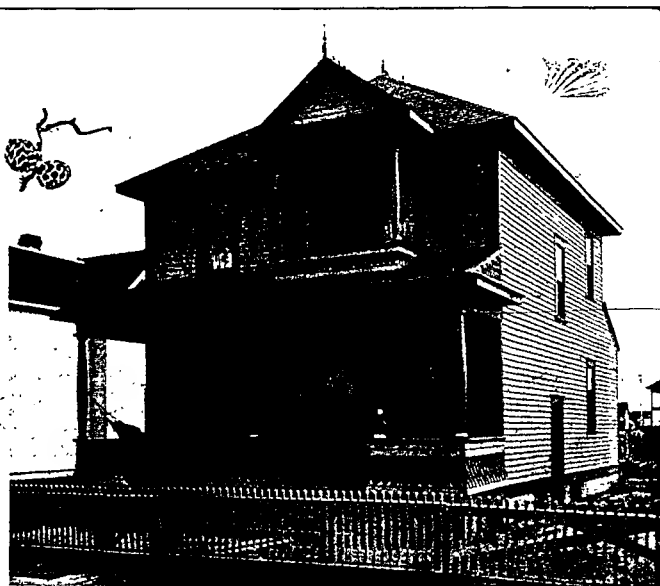
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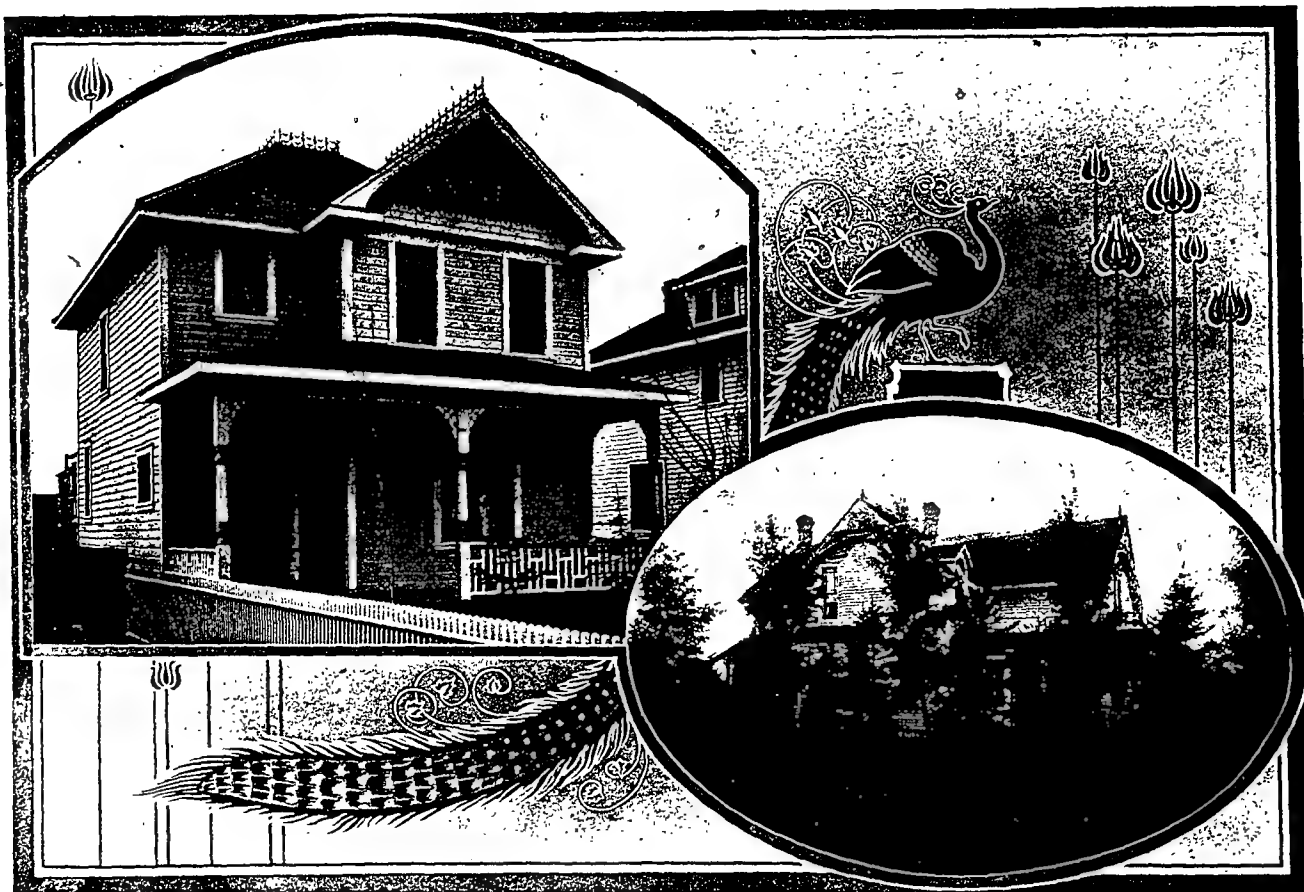


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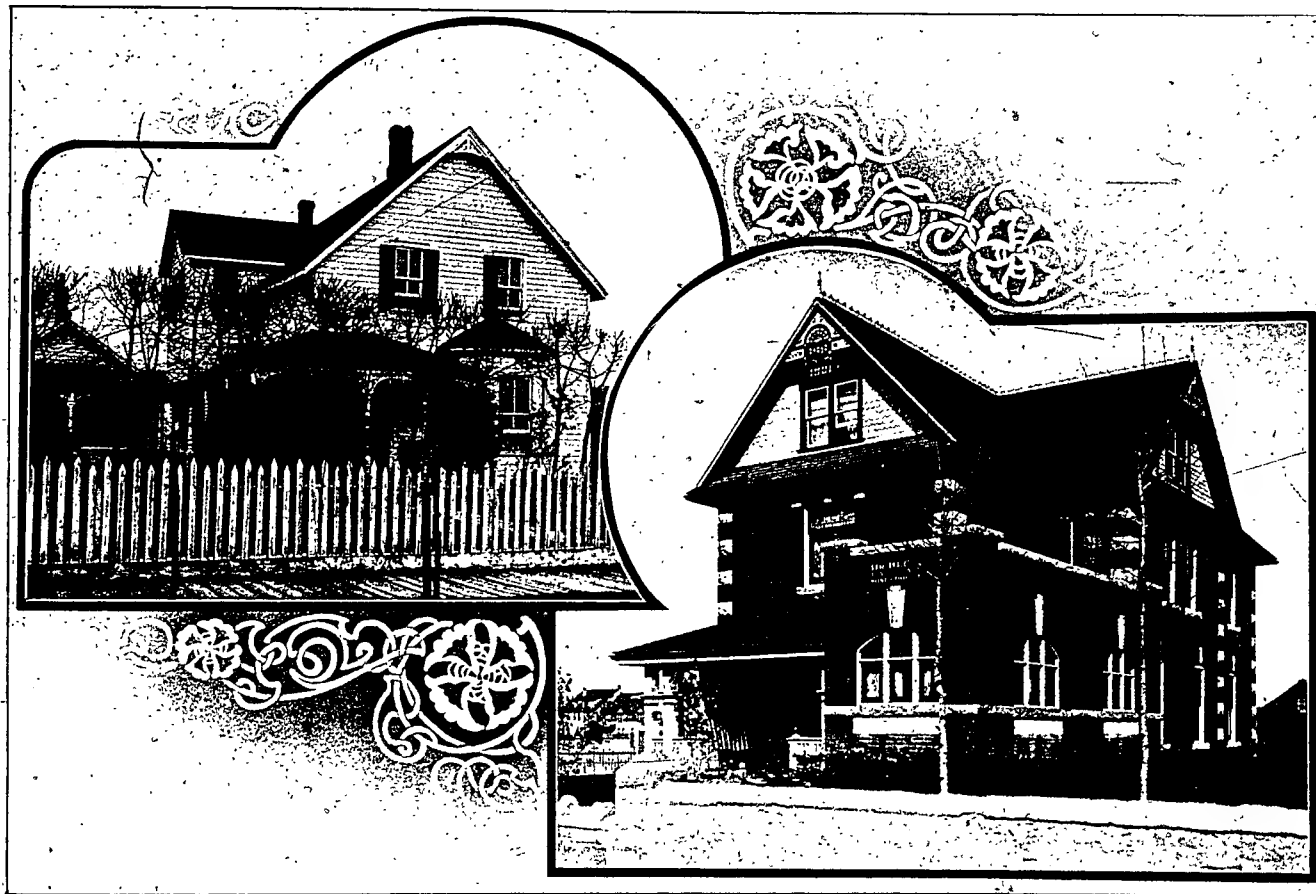




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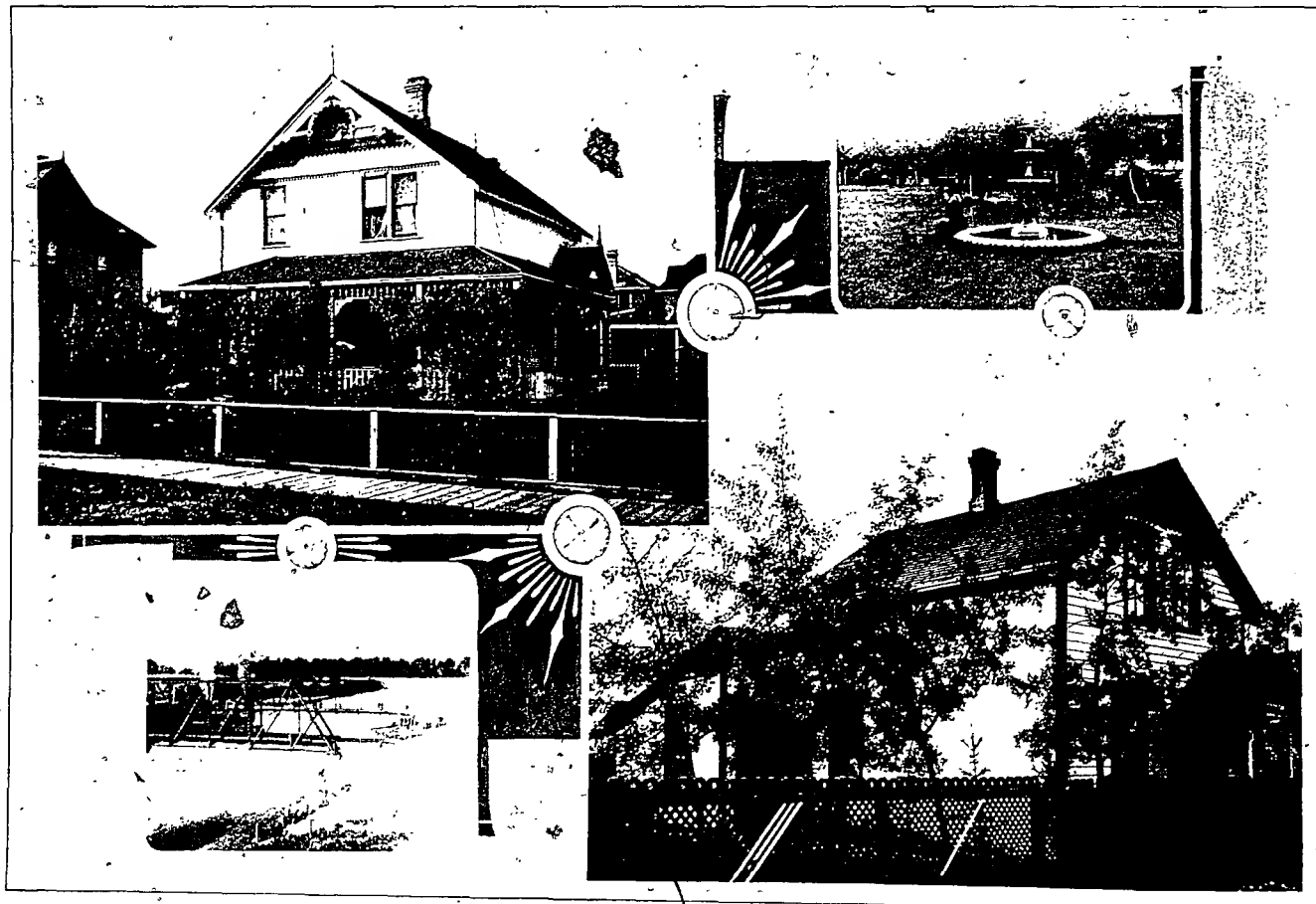
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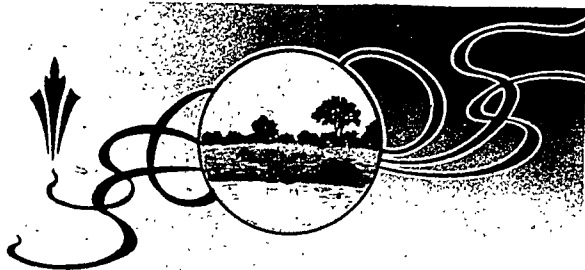
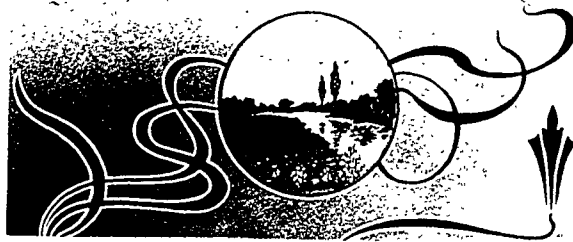
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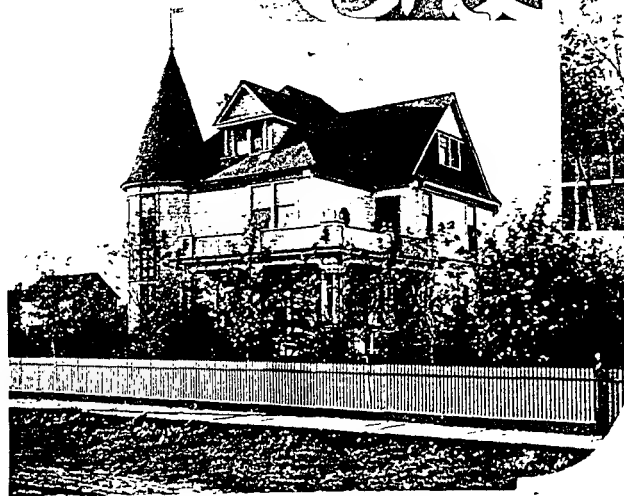


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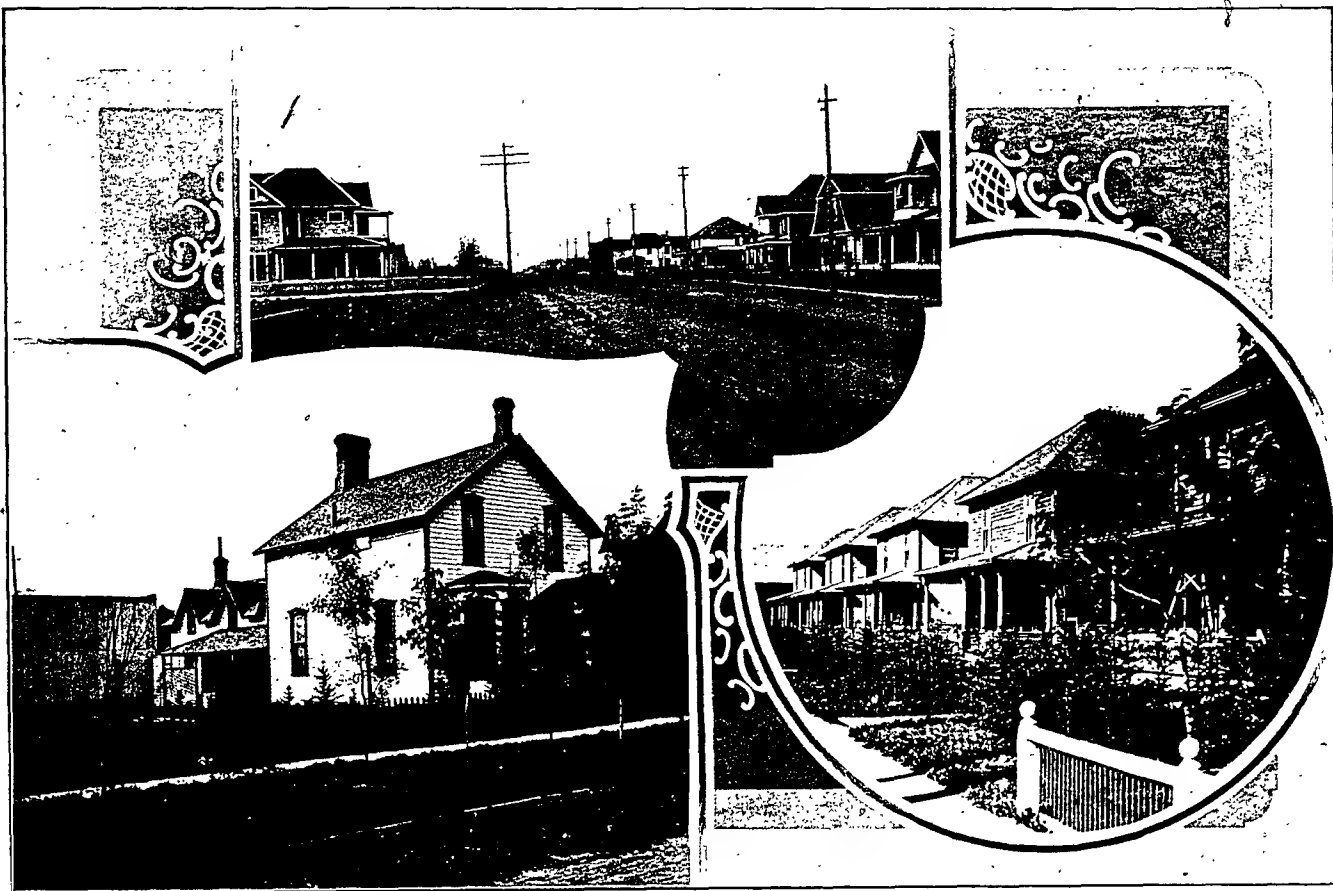
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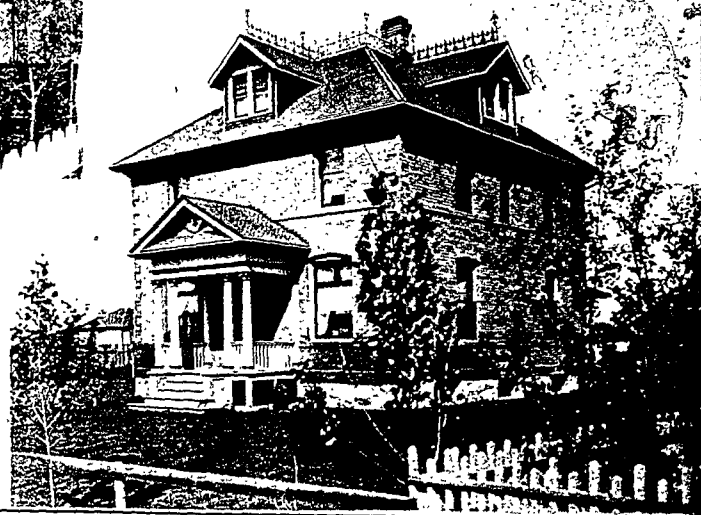
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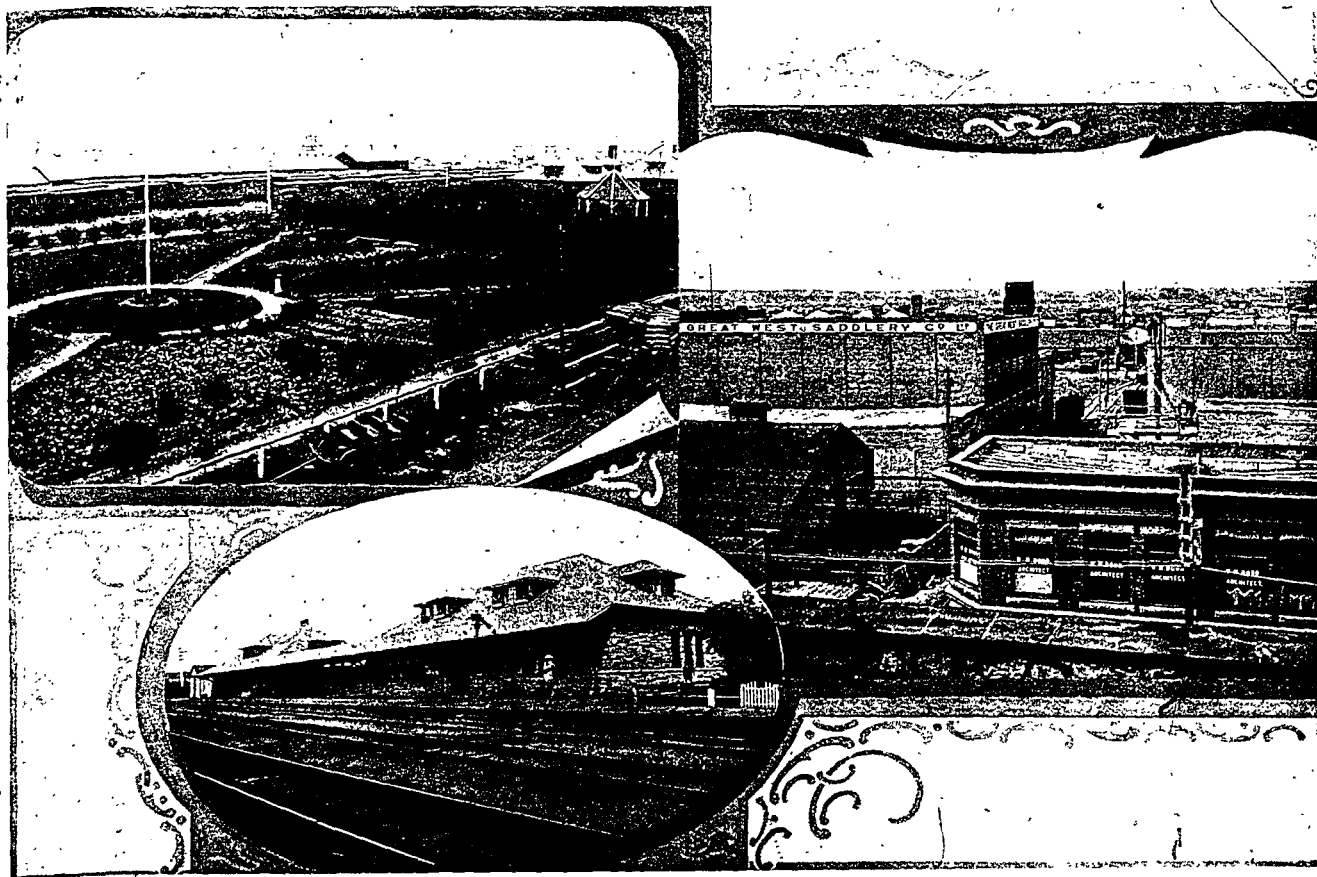


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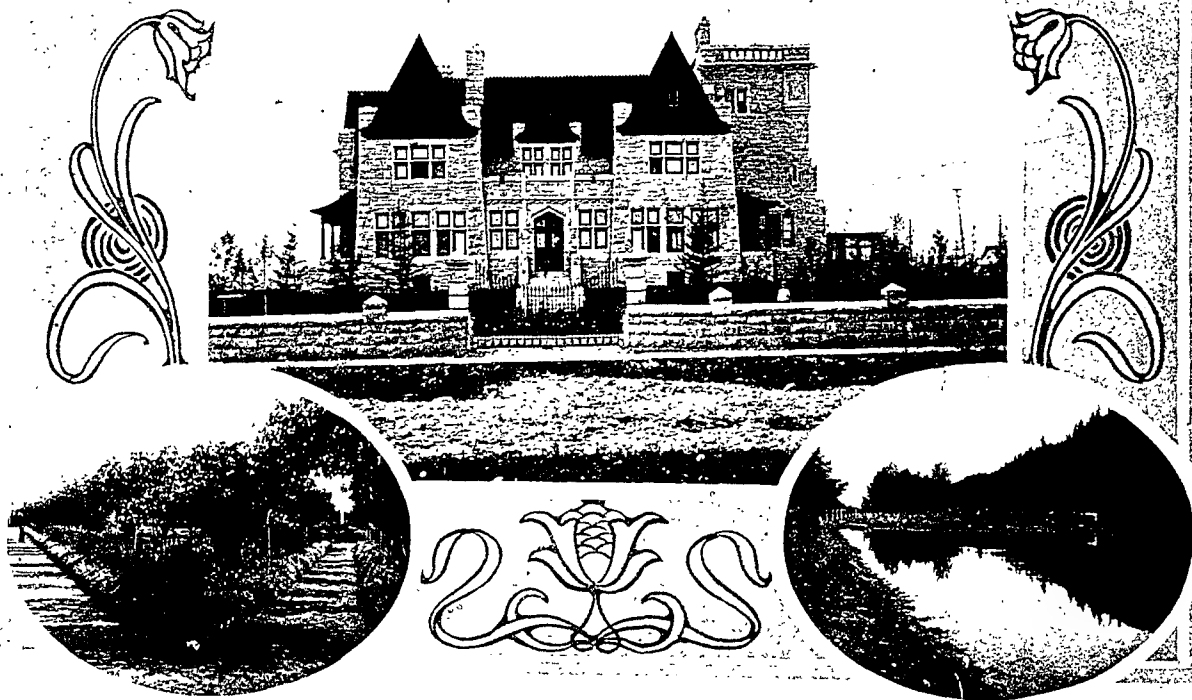
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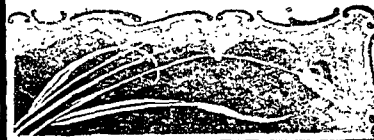


In the C. P. R. Gardens

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Along the railway west of the city





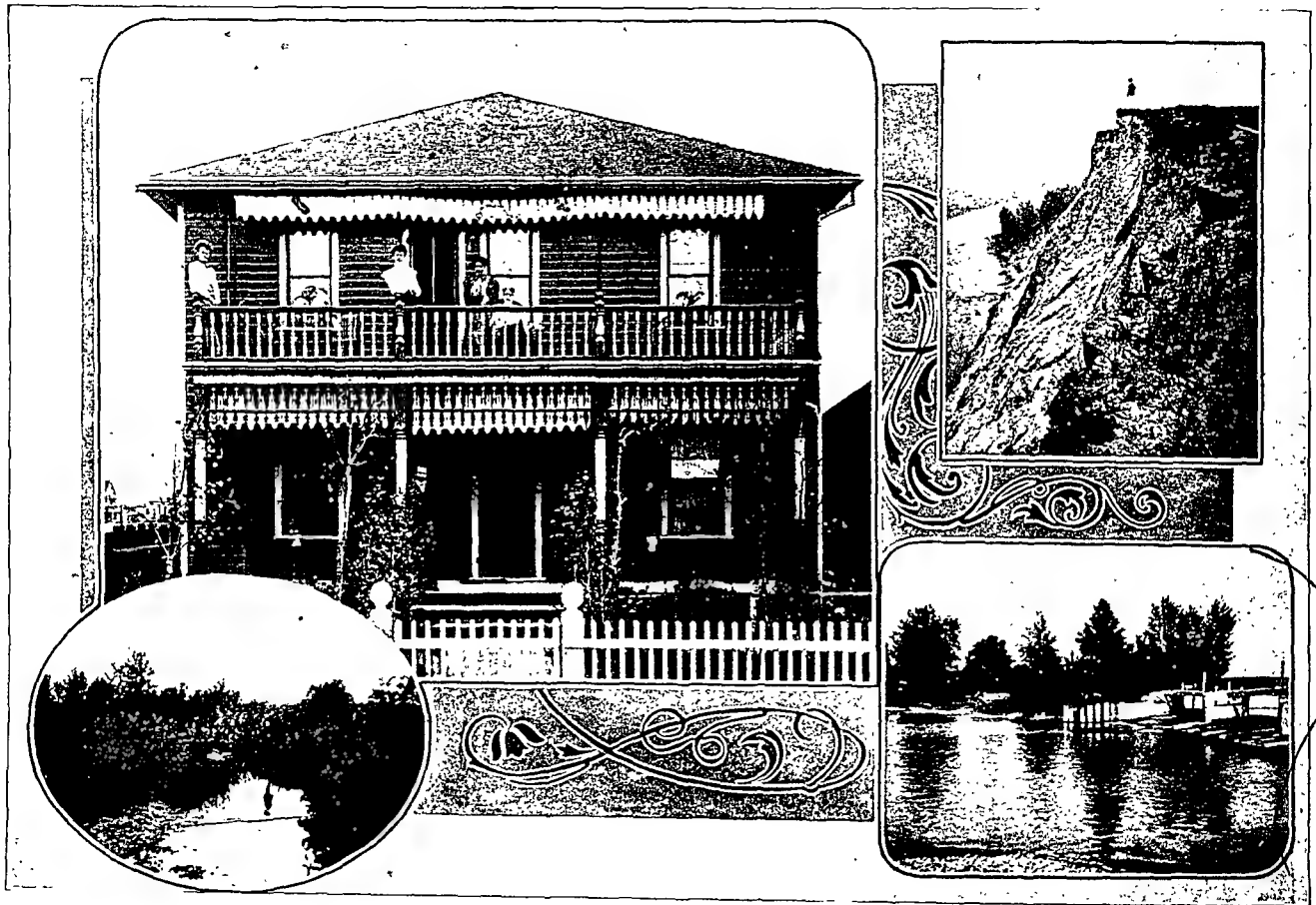
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Cut bank along the Bow



On the Island

Eau Claire log dam

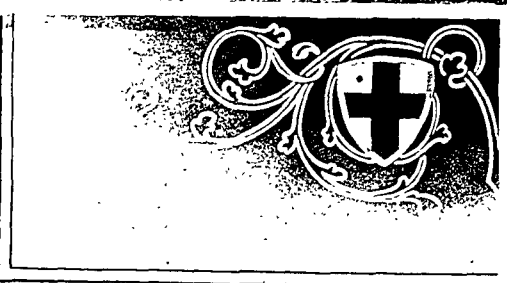
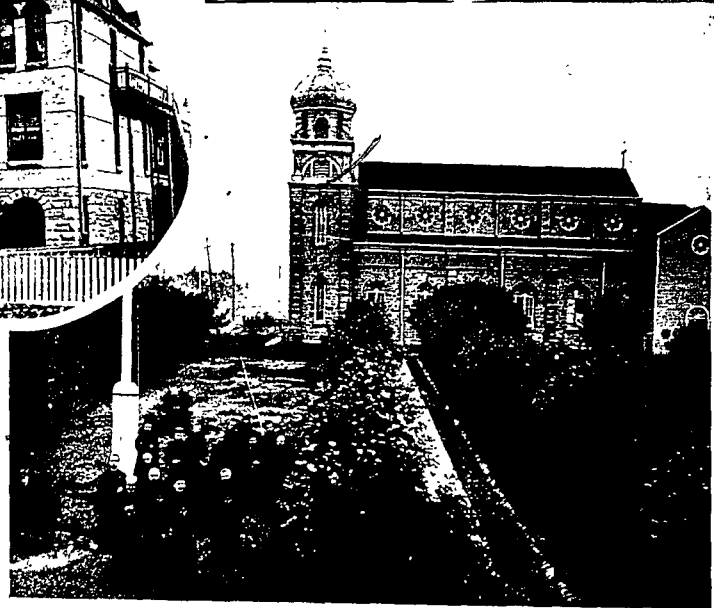
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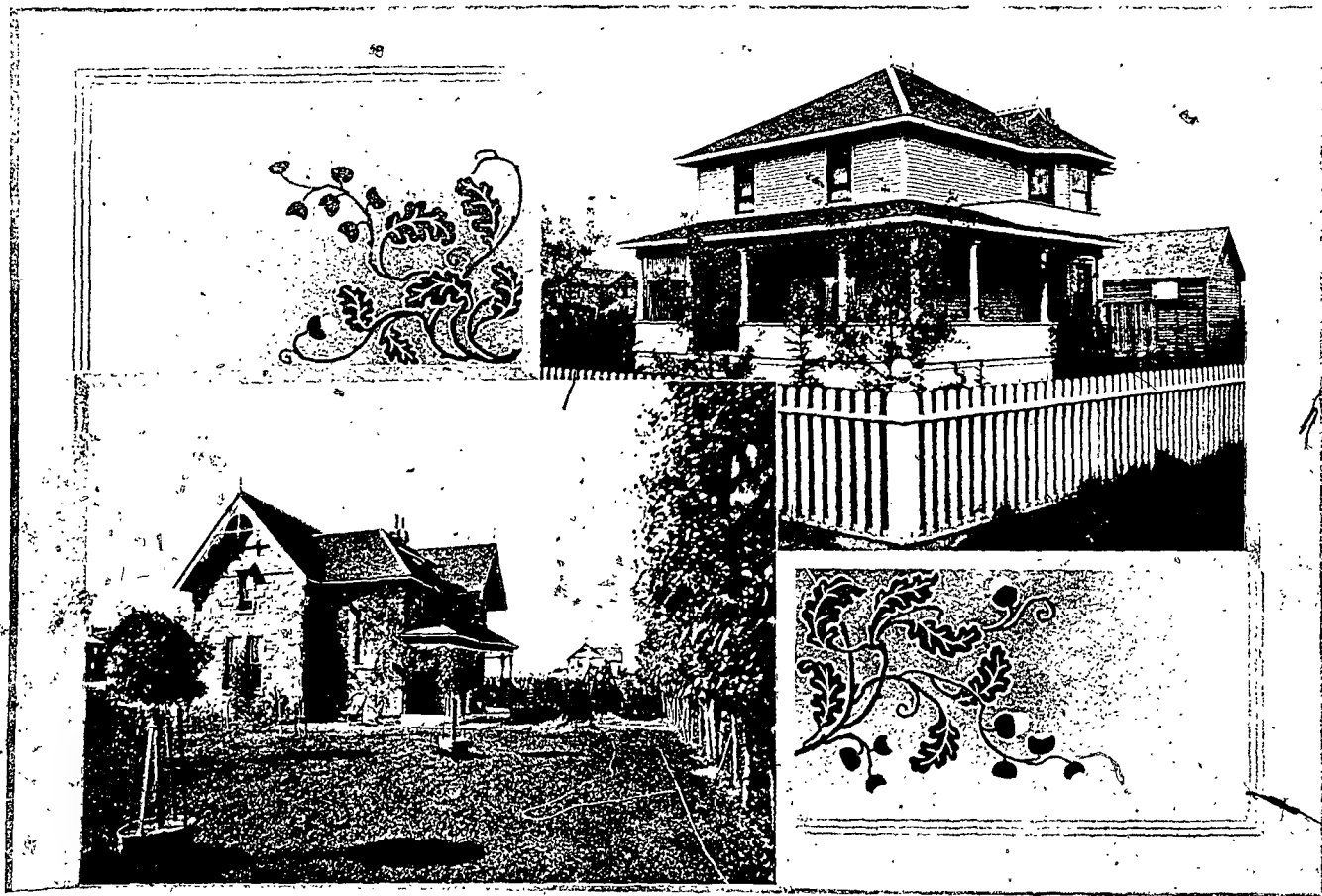


A favorite spot for fishing



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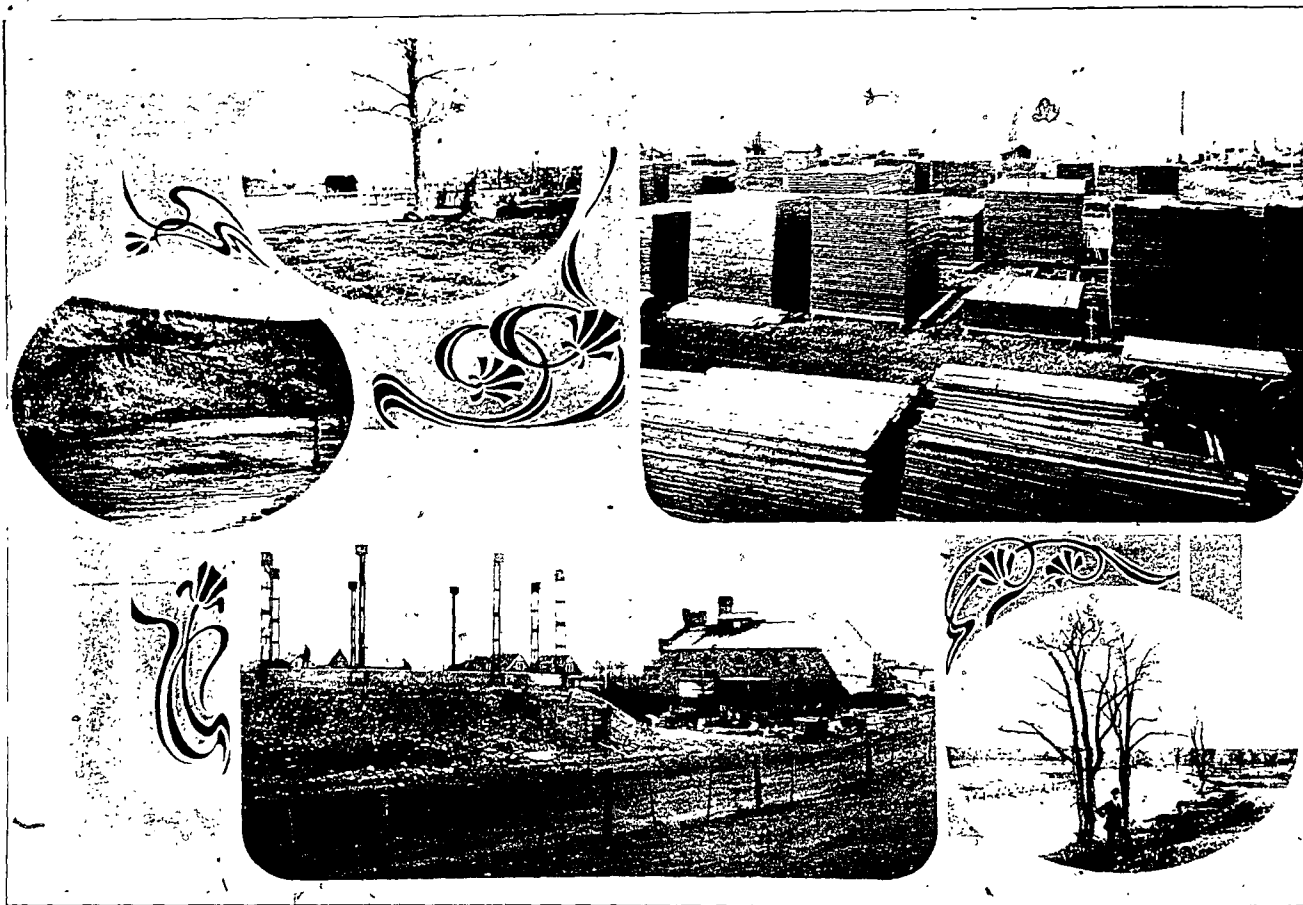
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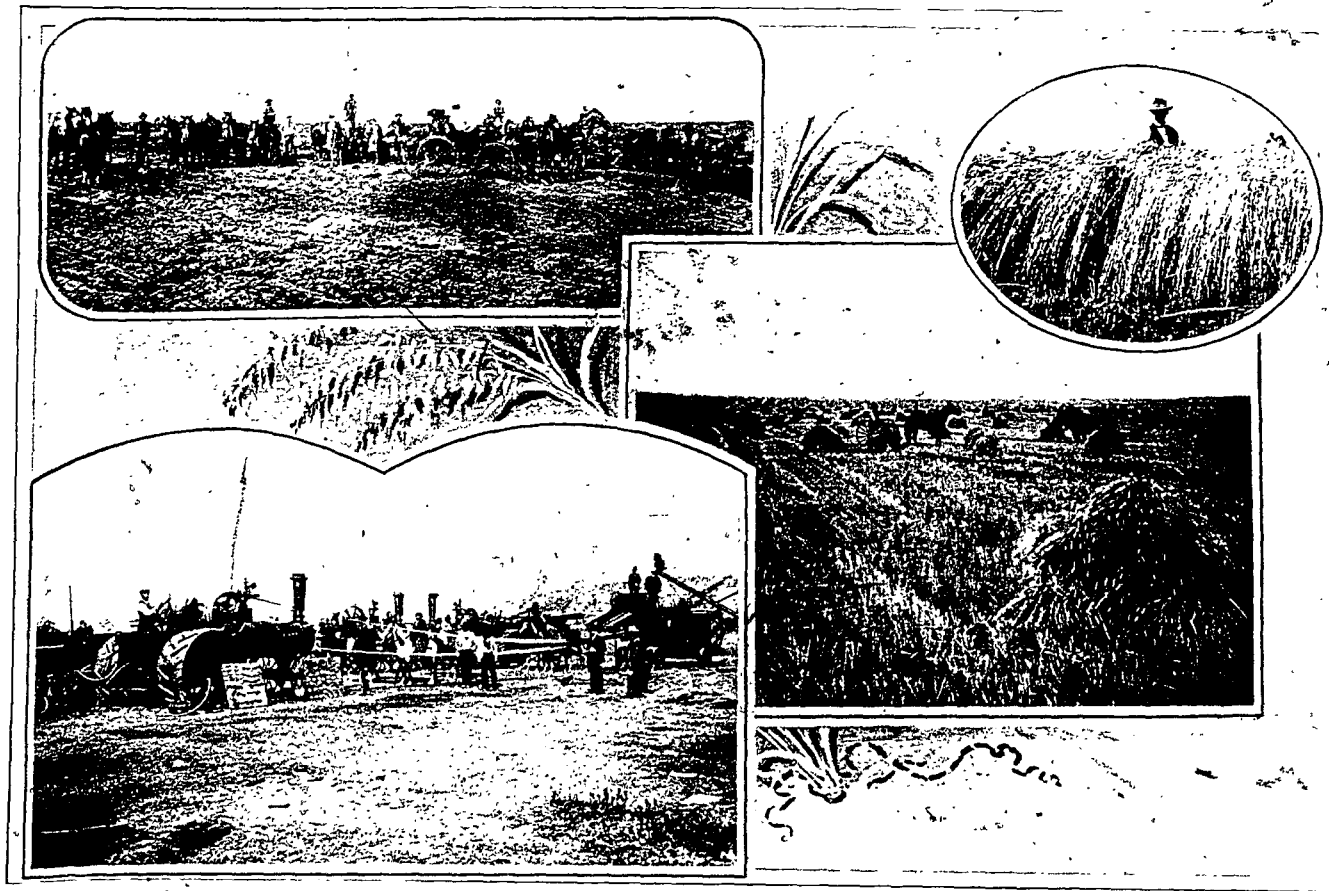
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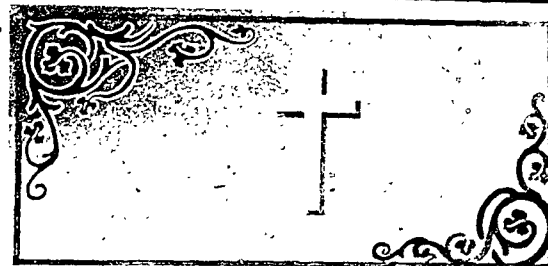
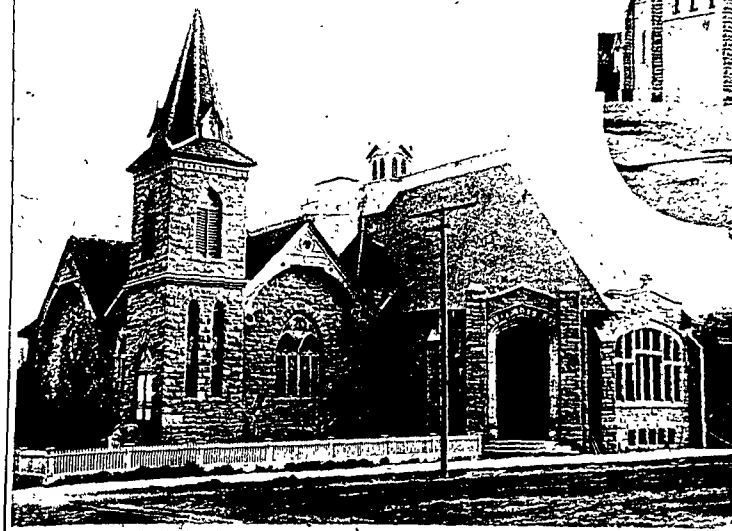
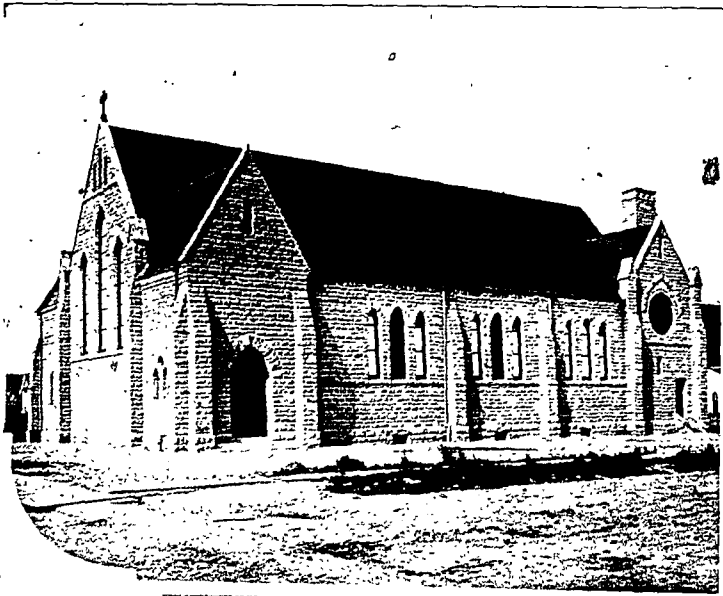
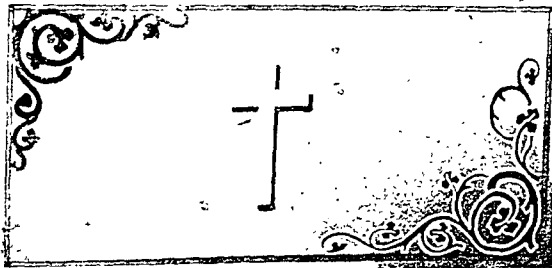
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The annual banquet of the Board of Trade at Calgary

The rotunda of the Alberta Hotel



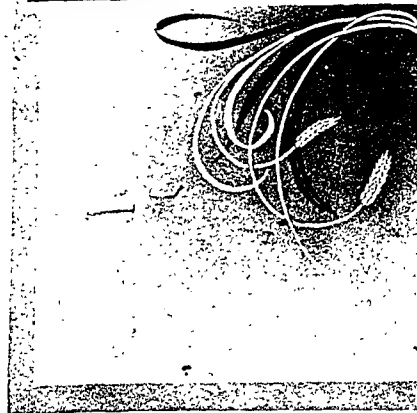
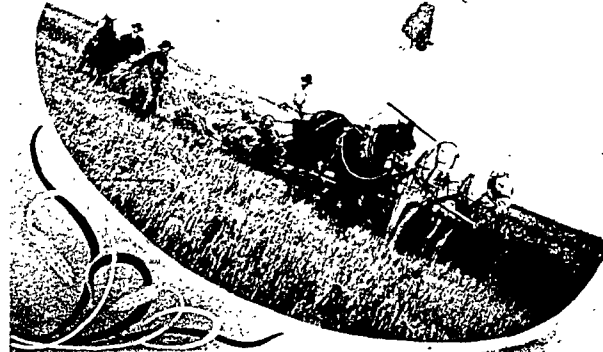
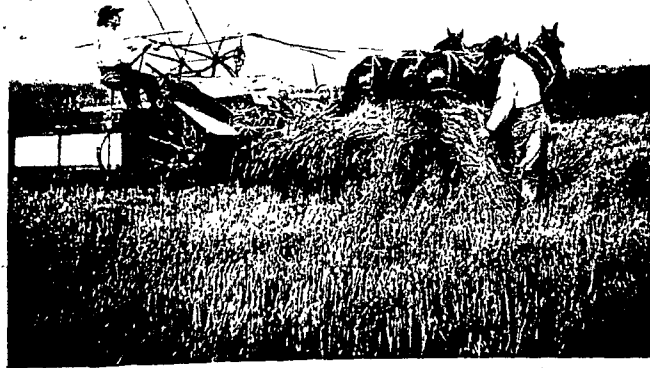


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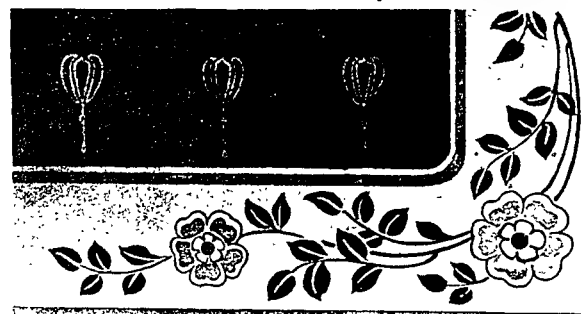
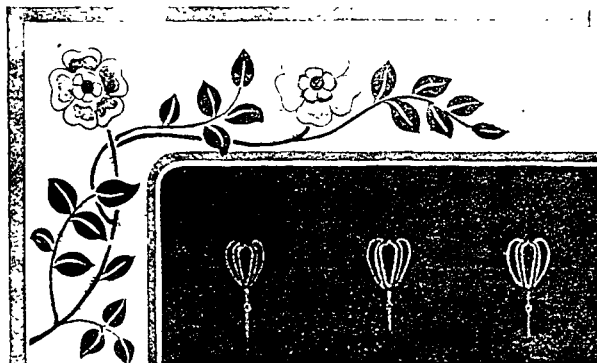
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The Ancient and Modern Way of Conquering the Plains



The Golden Harvest where "Alberta Red" averages 50 bushels to the acre



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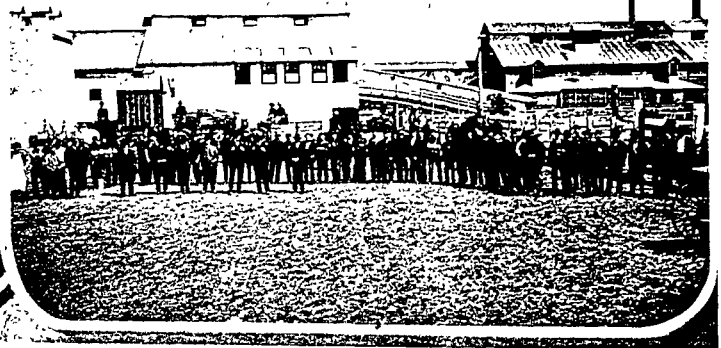
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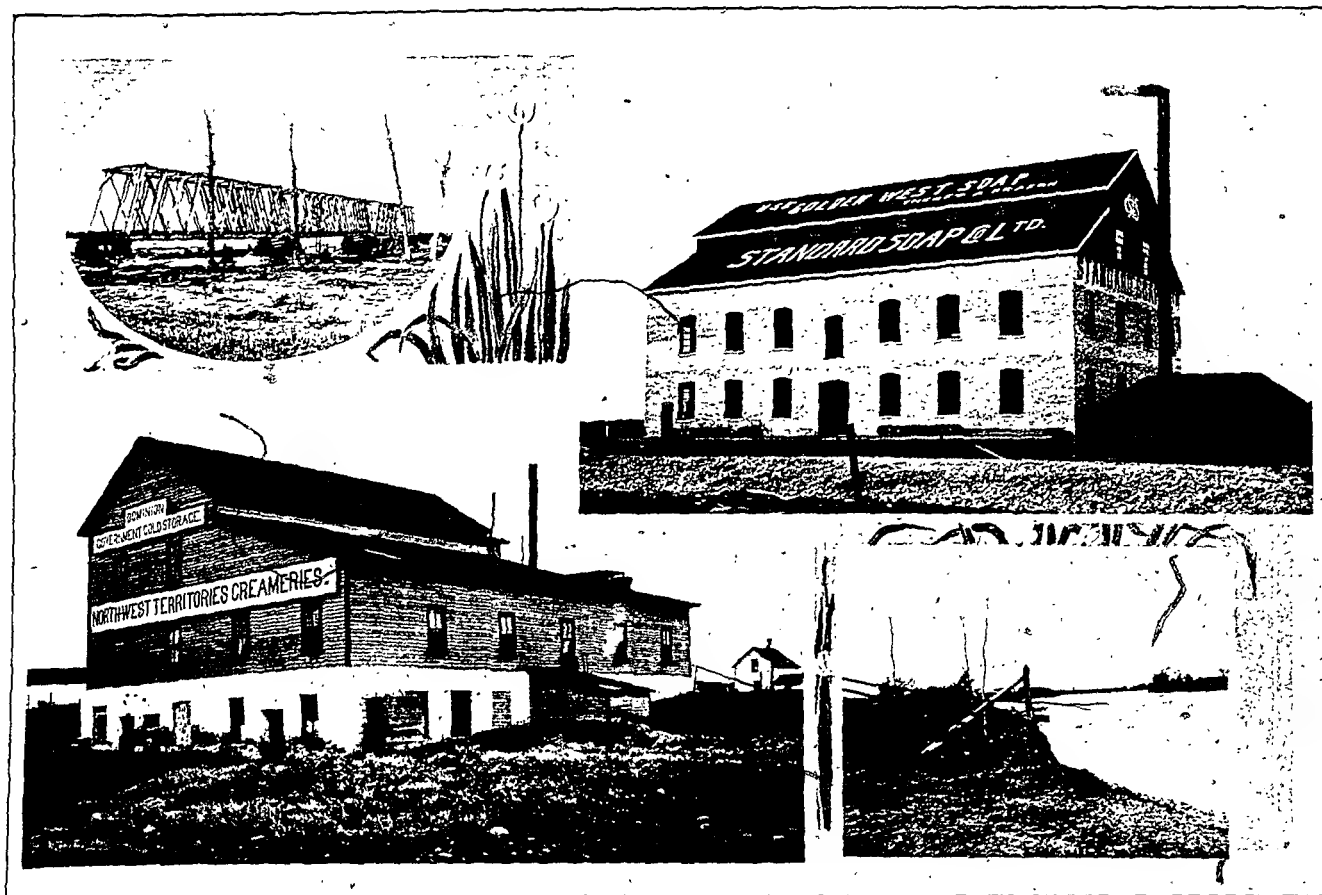
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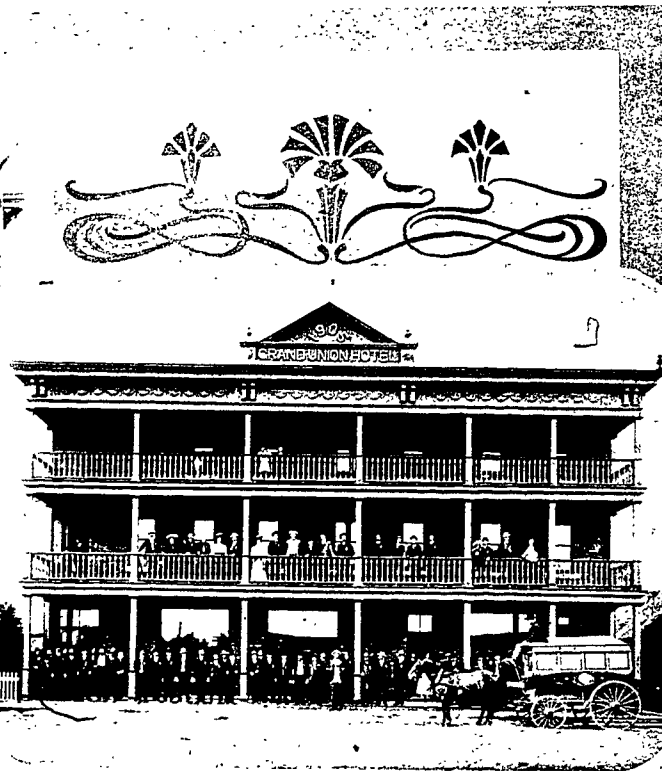


North-West Territories Creameries

The Bow River



Dominion Hotel



Grand Union Hotel

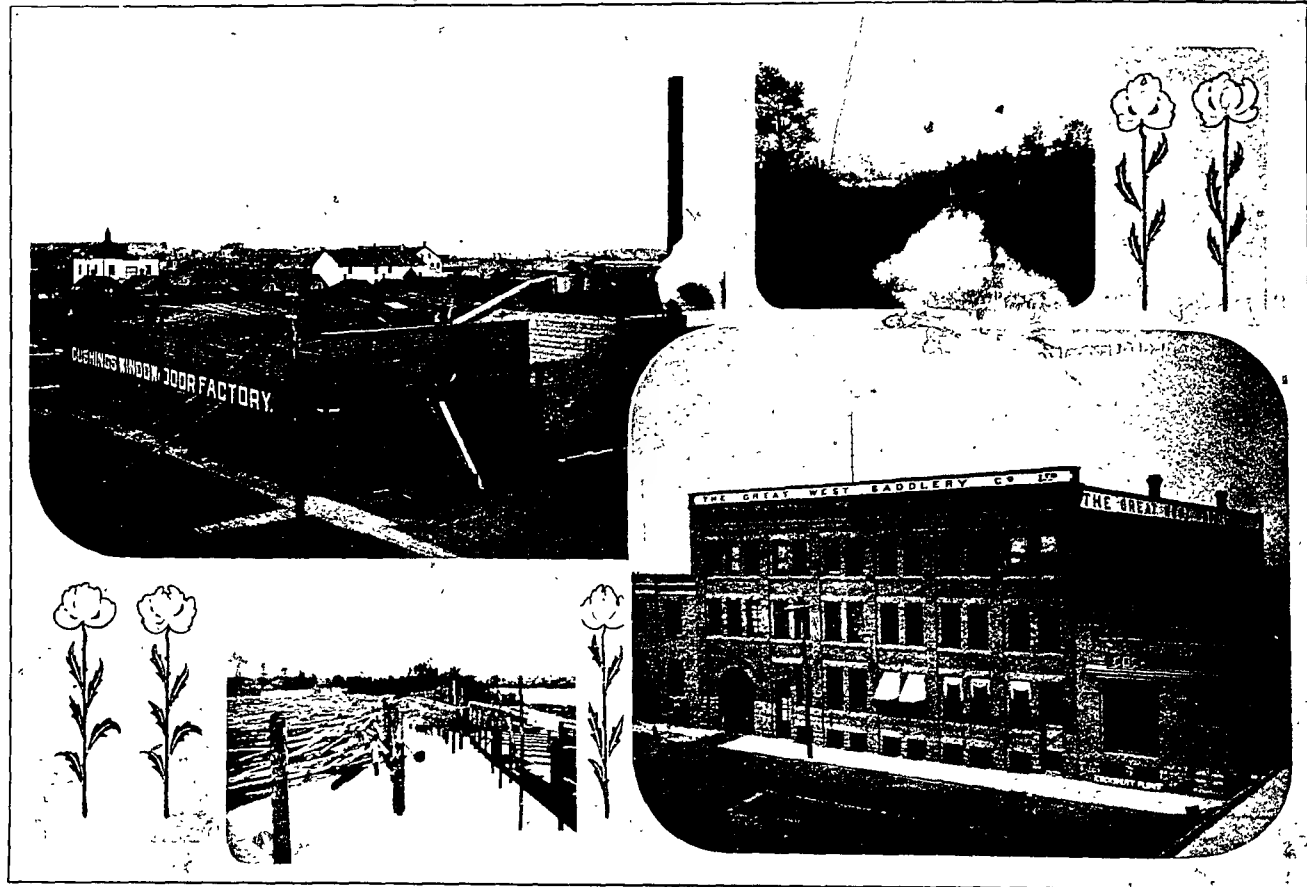




Typical Ranch scenes in Alberta

CUSHING BROS. CO. Ltd. Sash and Door Factory

A scene off the outskirts of the city

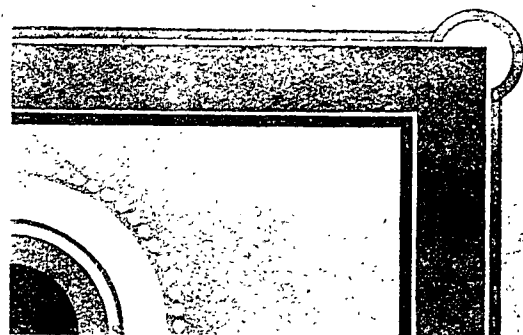


One of the dams of the Eau Claire

The Great West Saddlery Company, Ltd



The Empire Hotel



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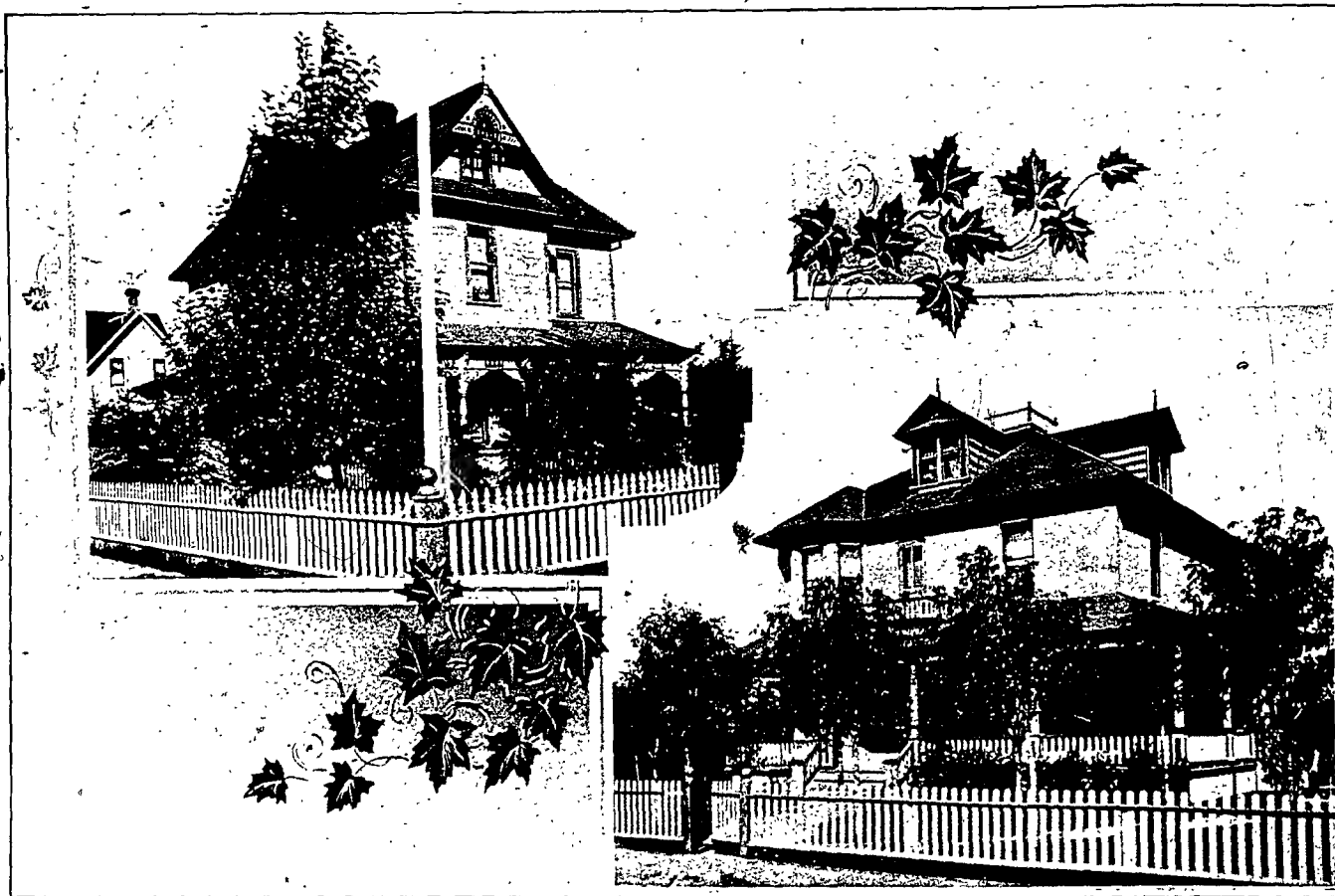
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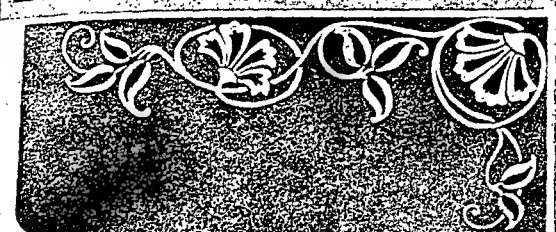
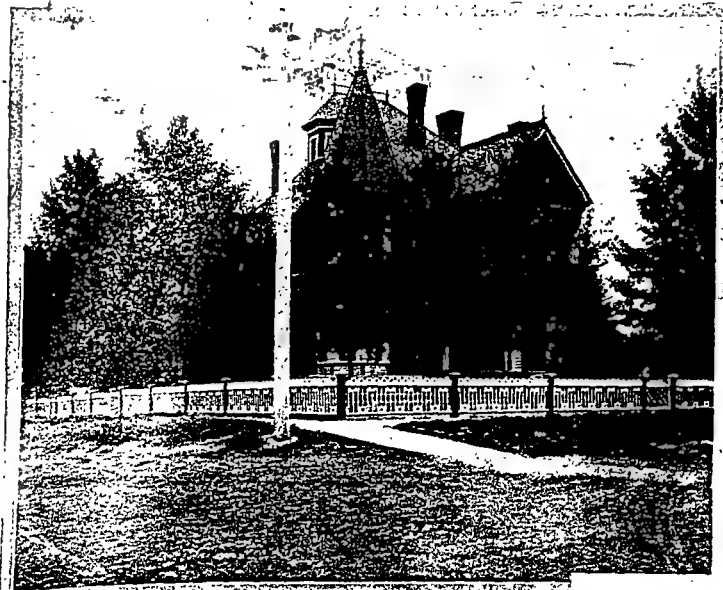


"Beauty and the Beast"



Residence of T. J. SKINNER

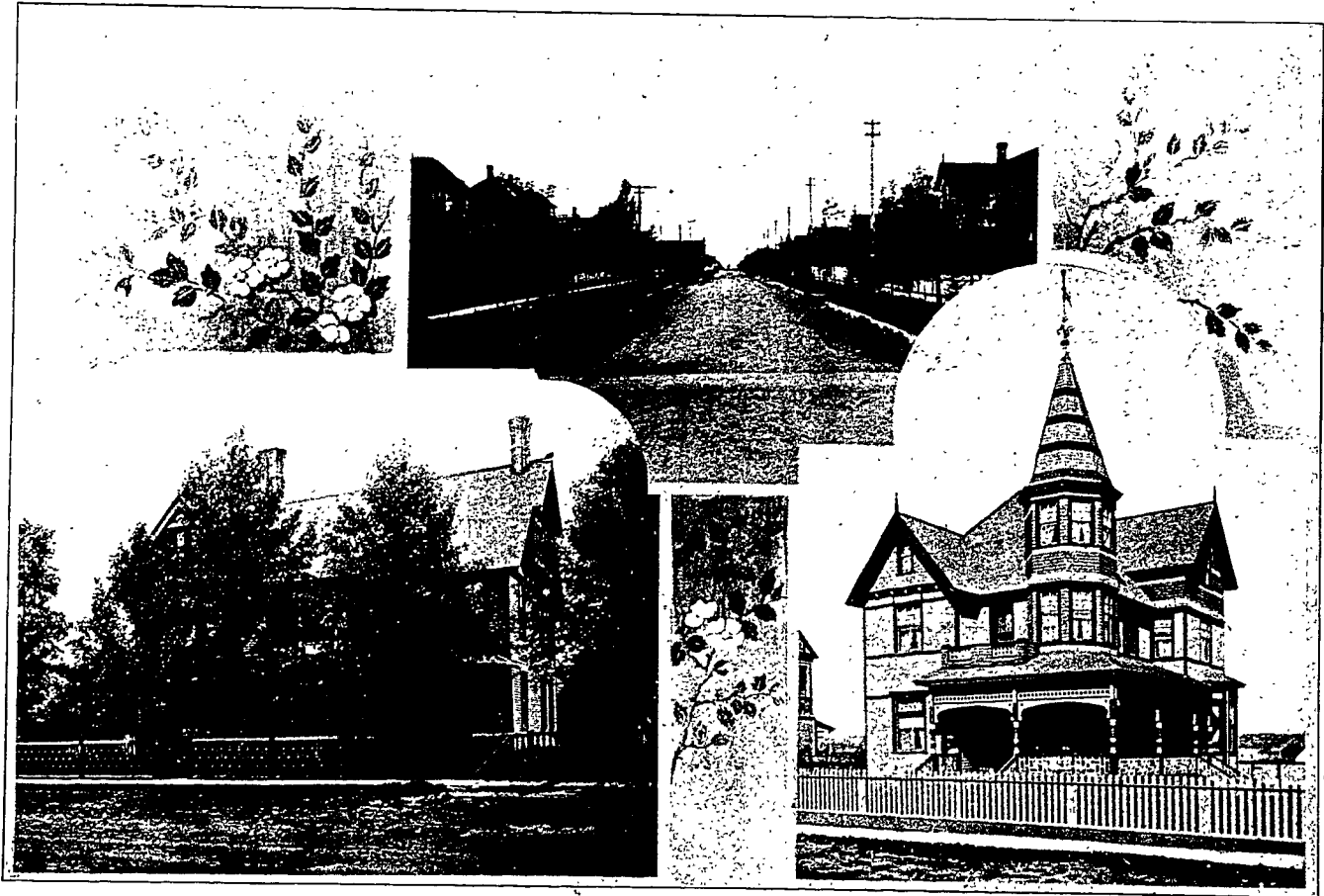
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Sixth Avenue looking west



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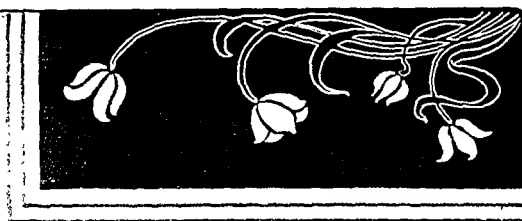
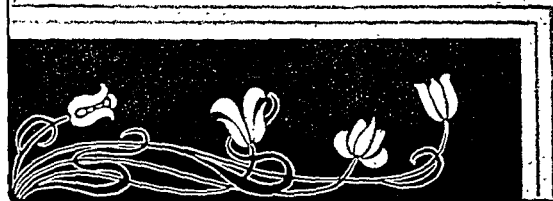
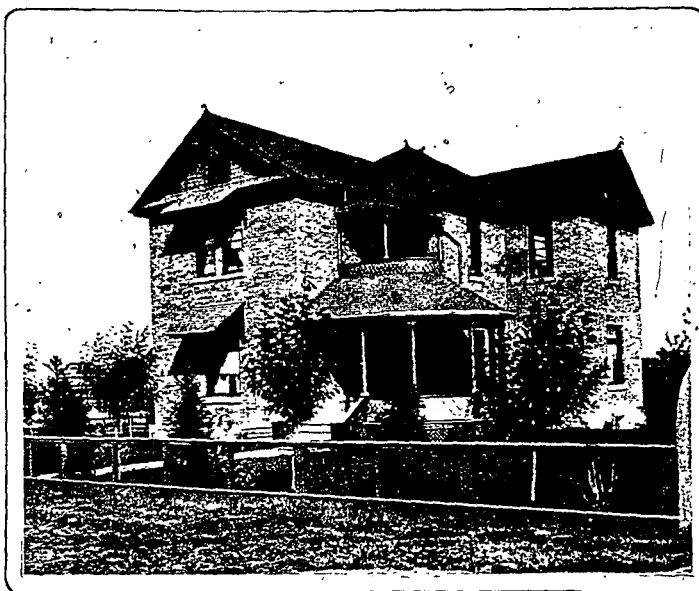


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Meeting of the Waters

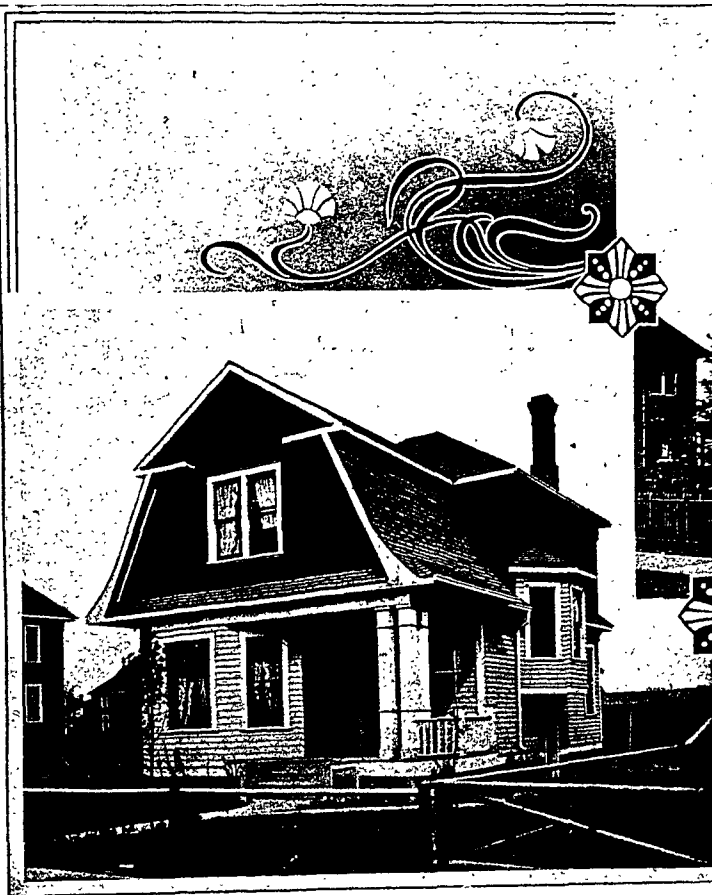


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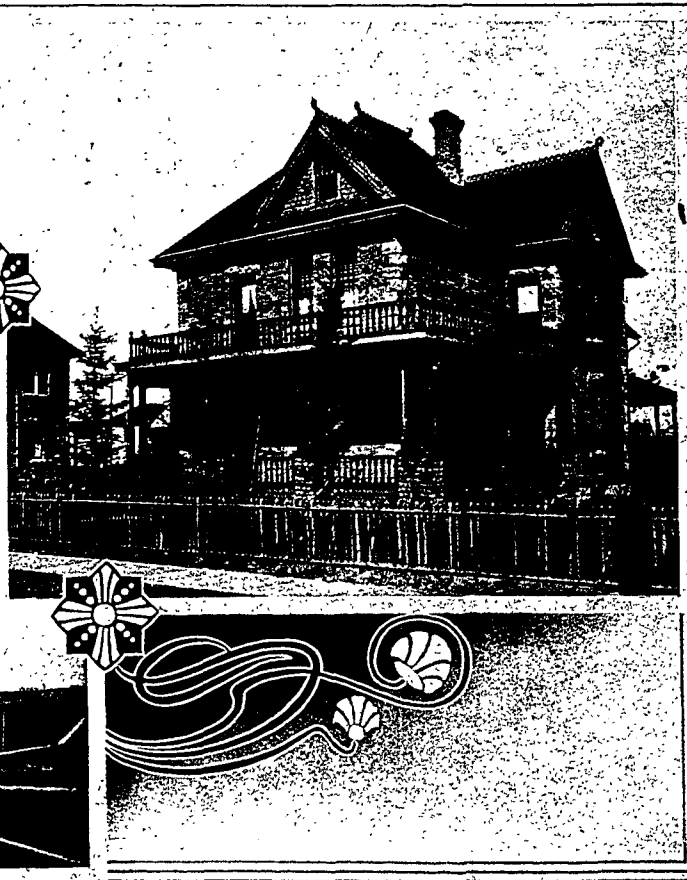


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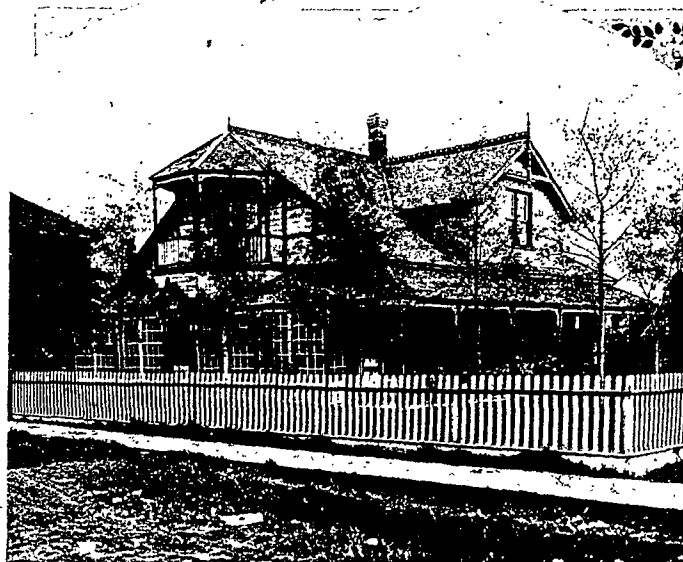


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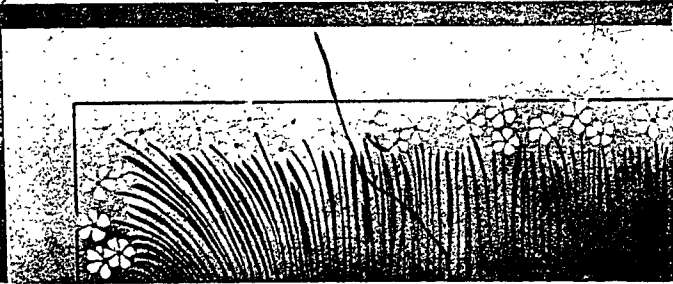
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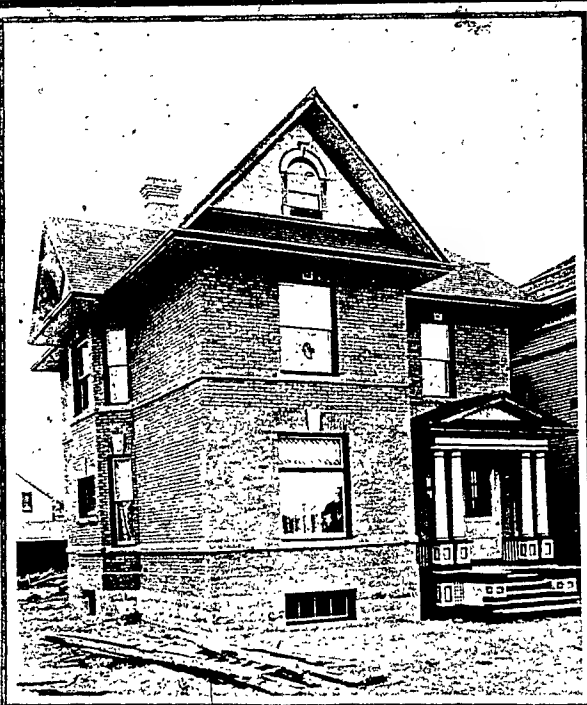
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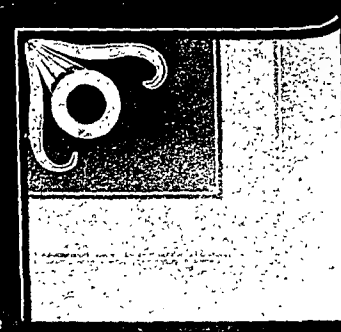
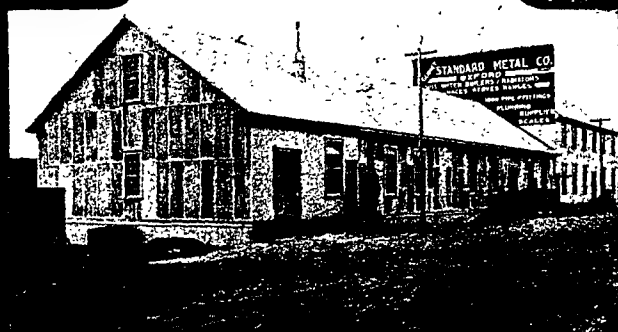
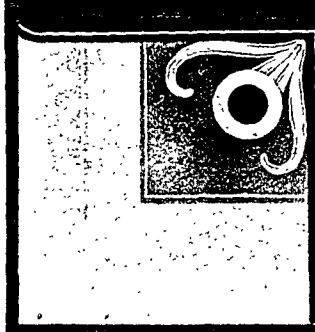
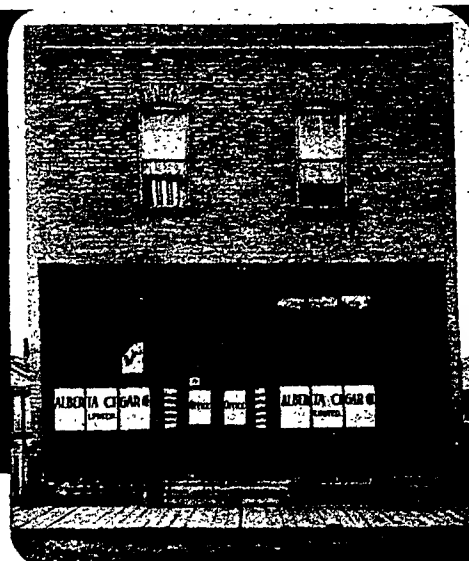


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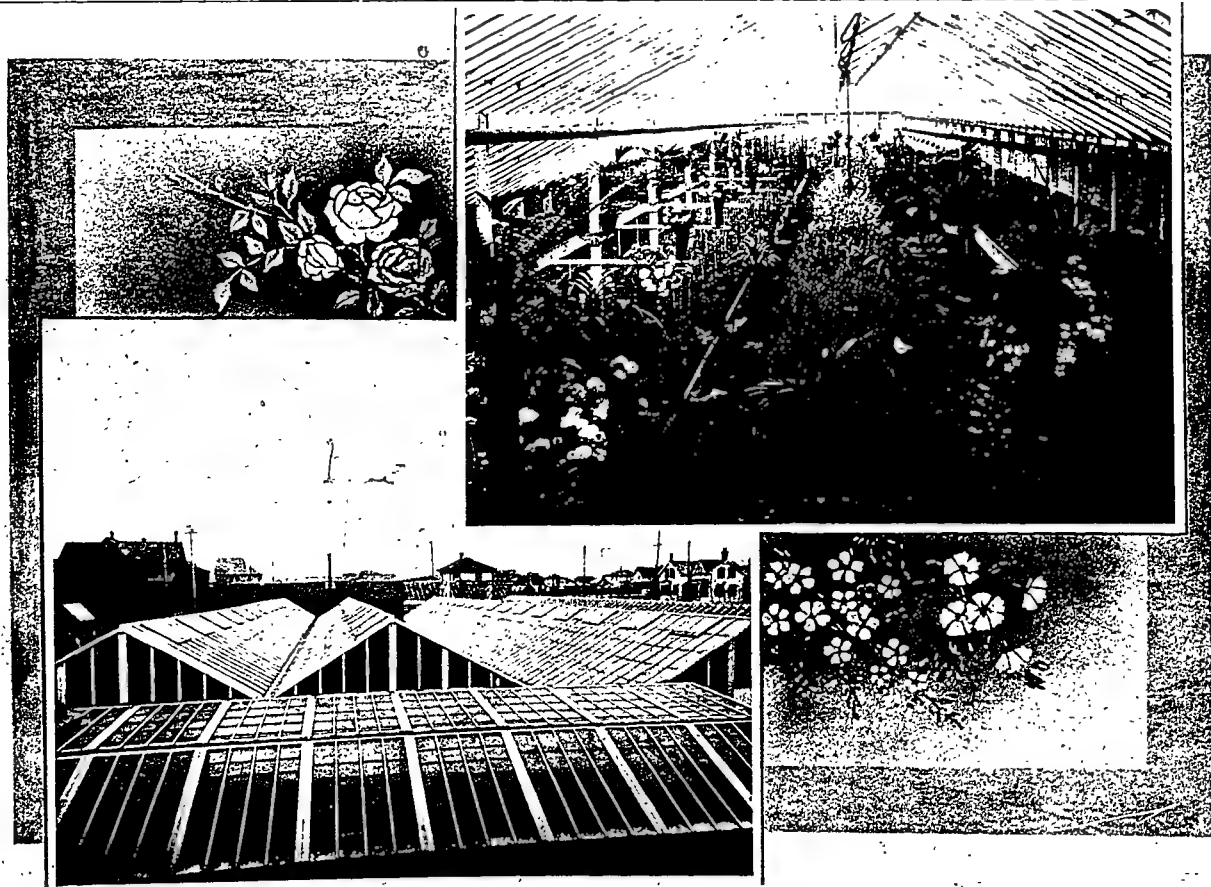
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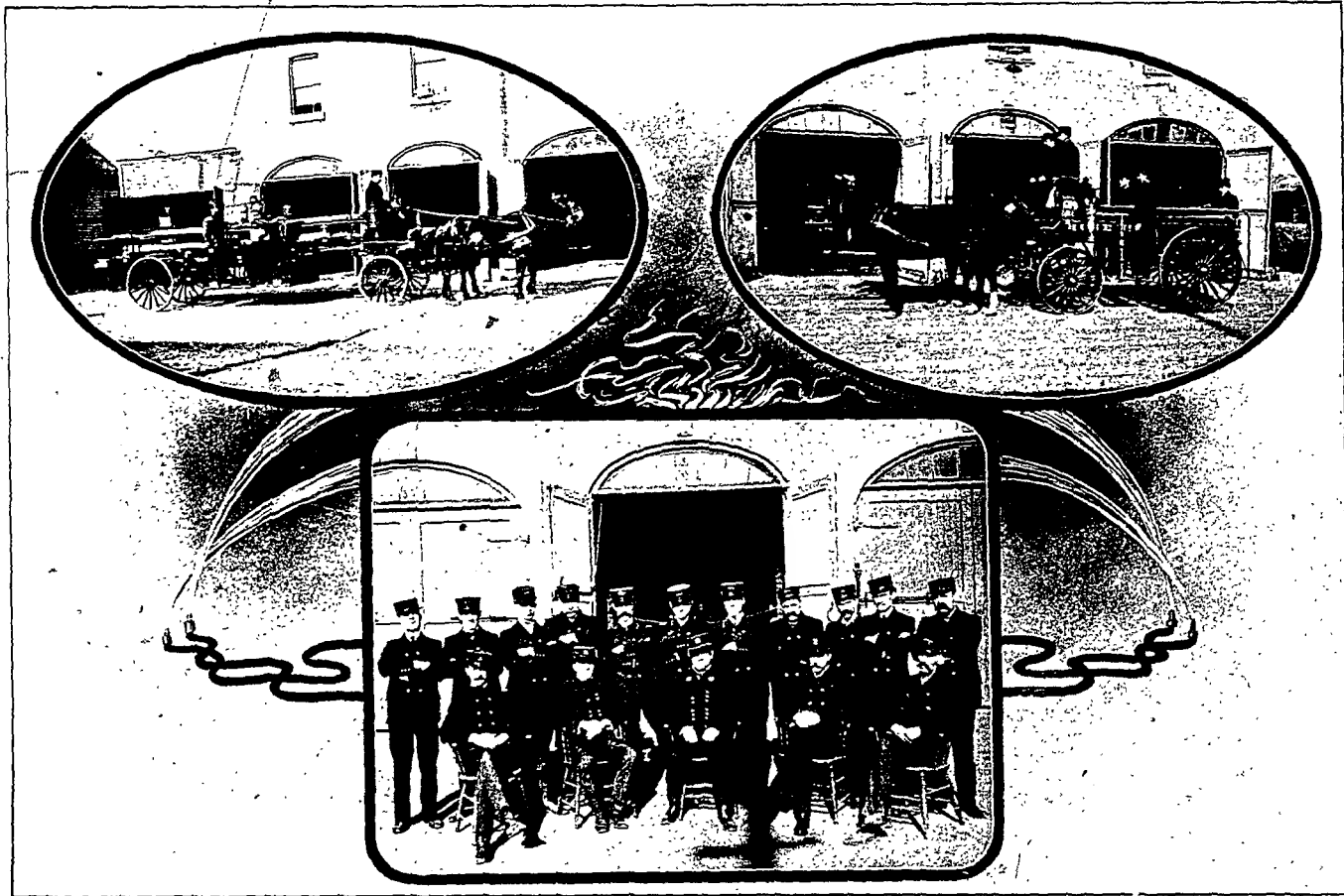
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Hook and Ladder Truck

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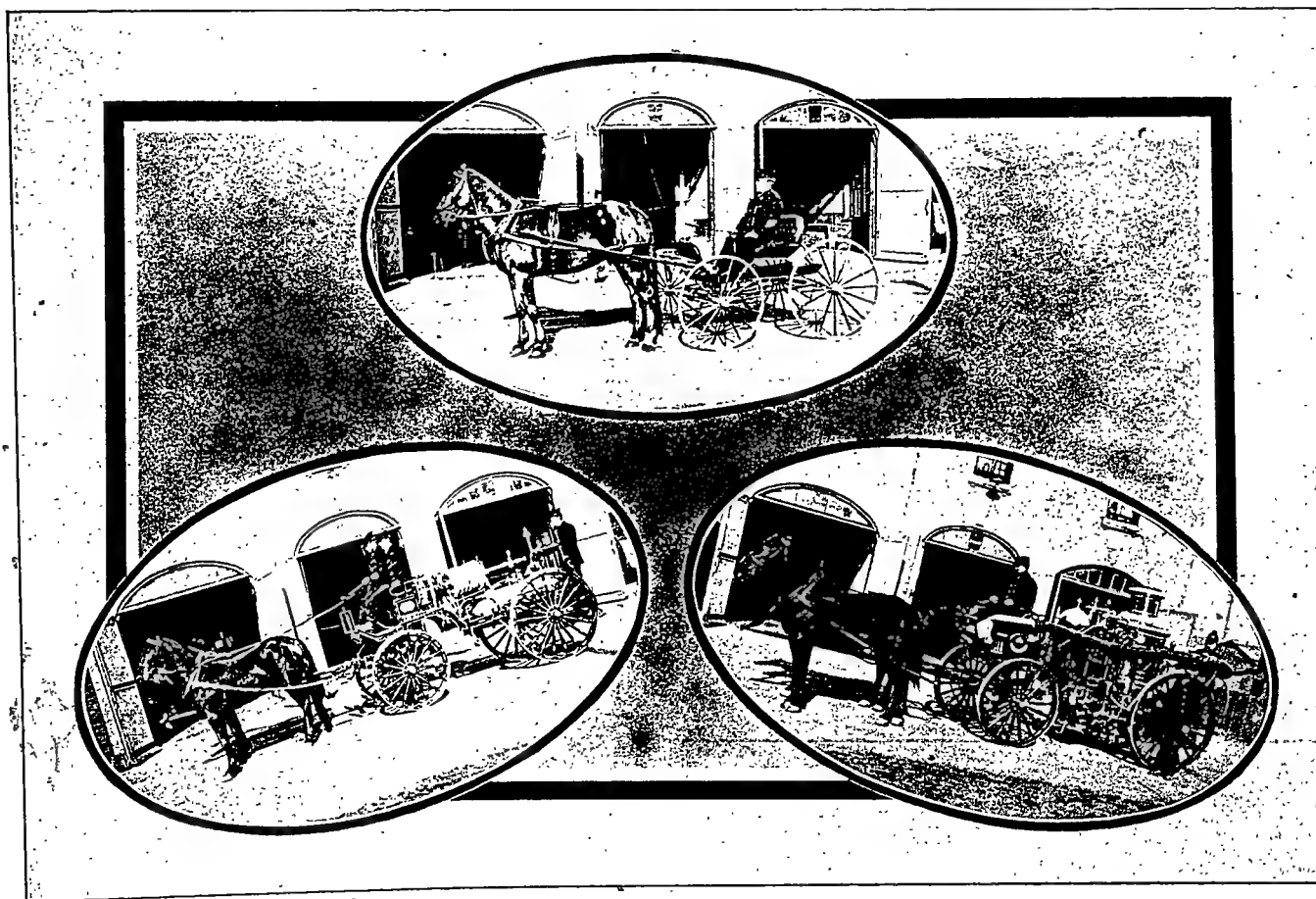
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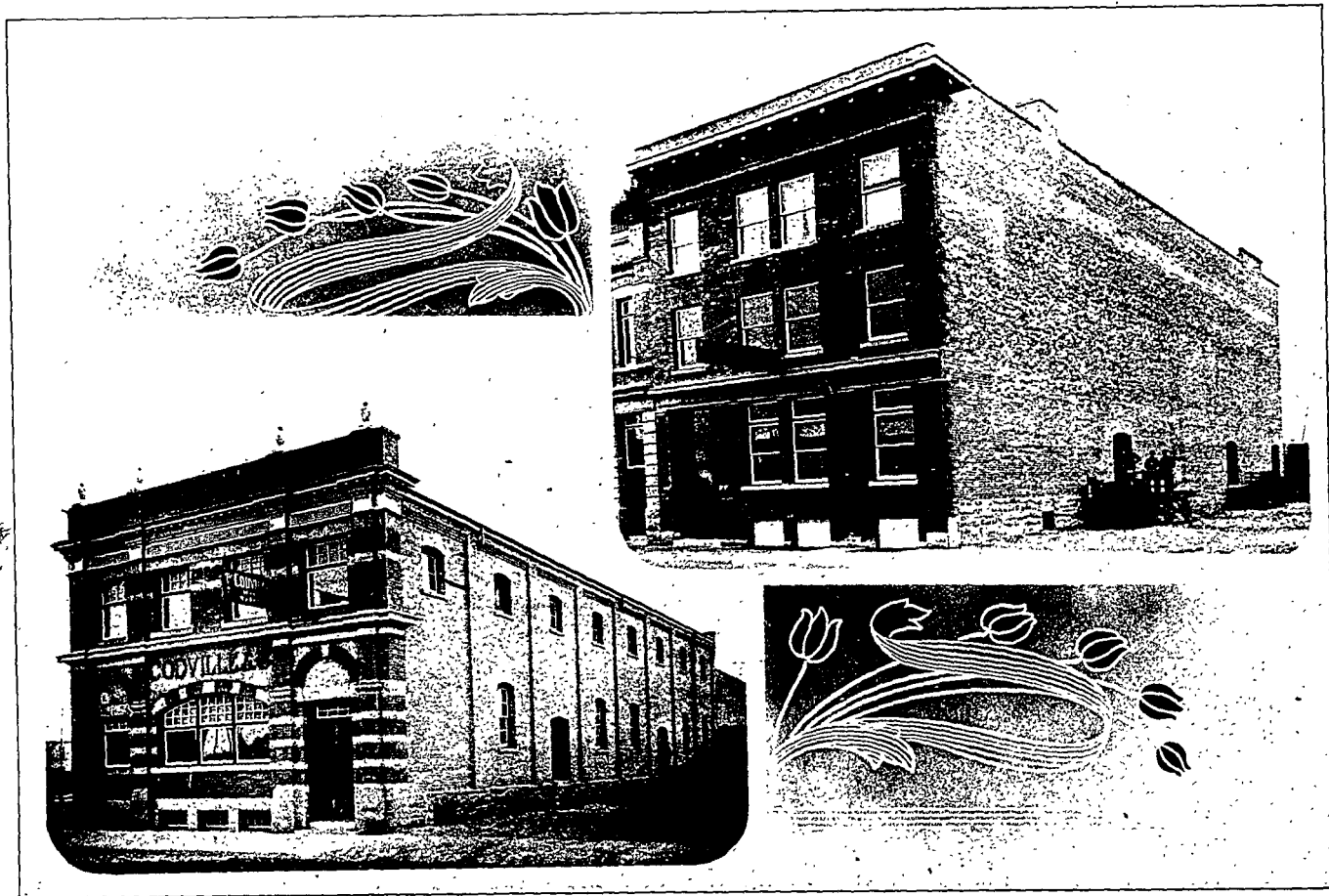
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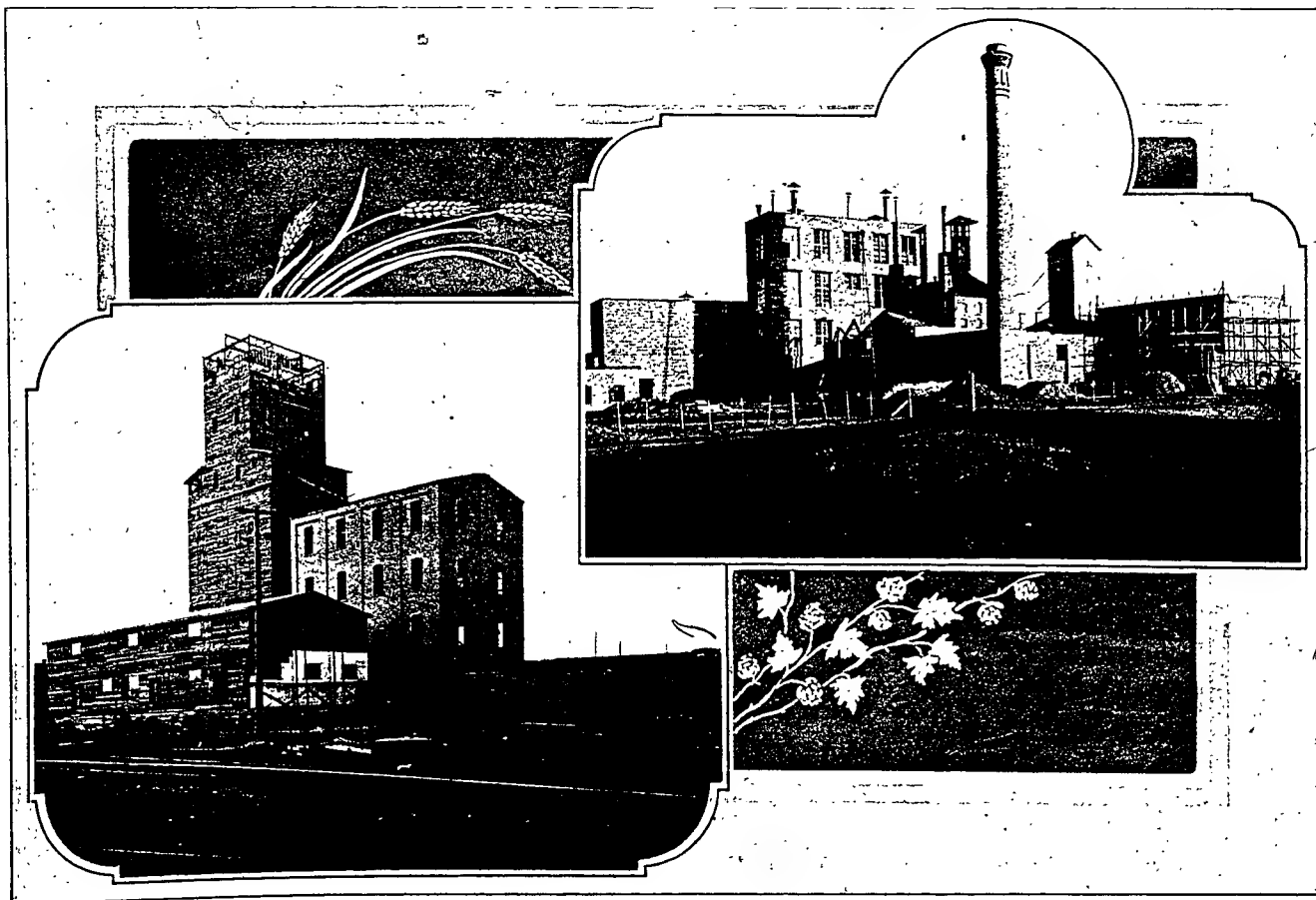


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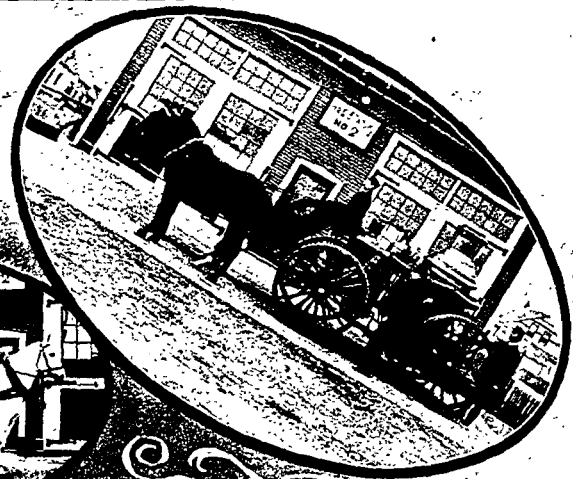
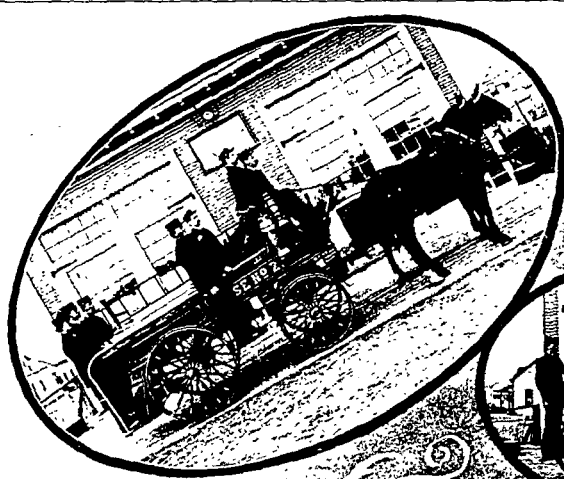
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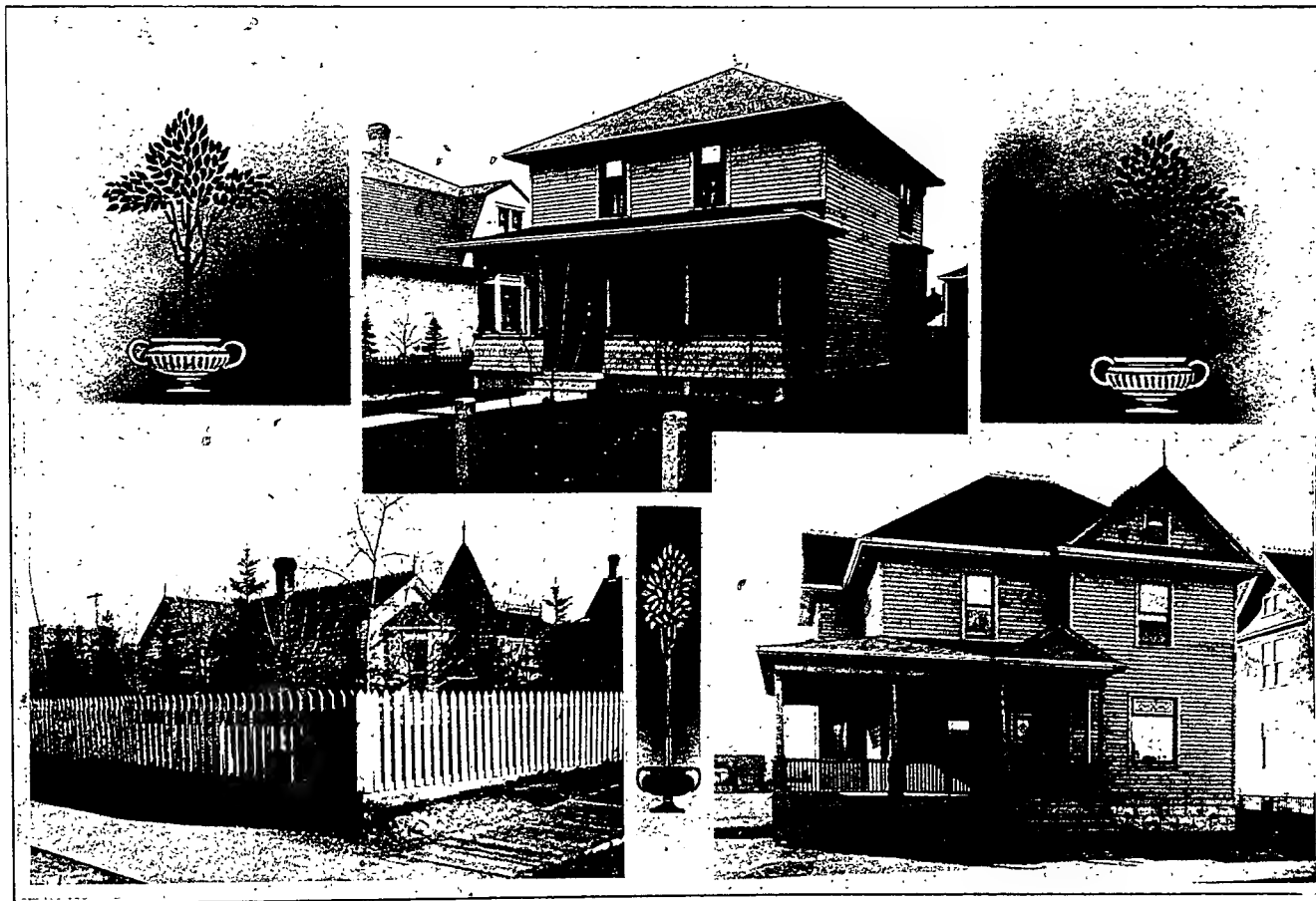
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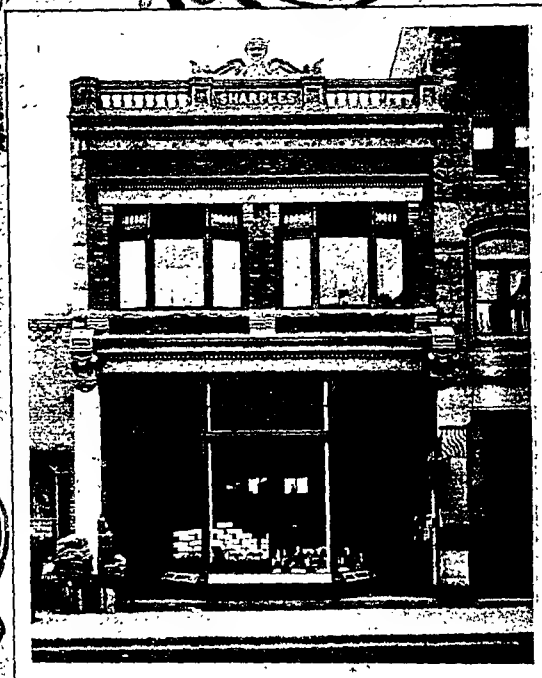


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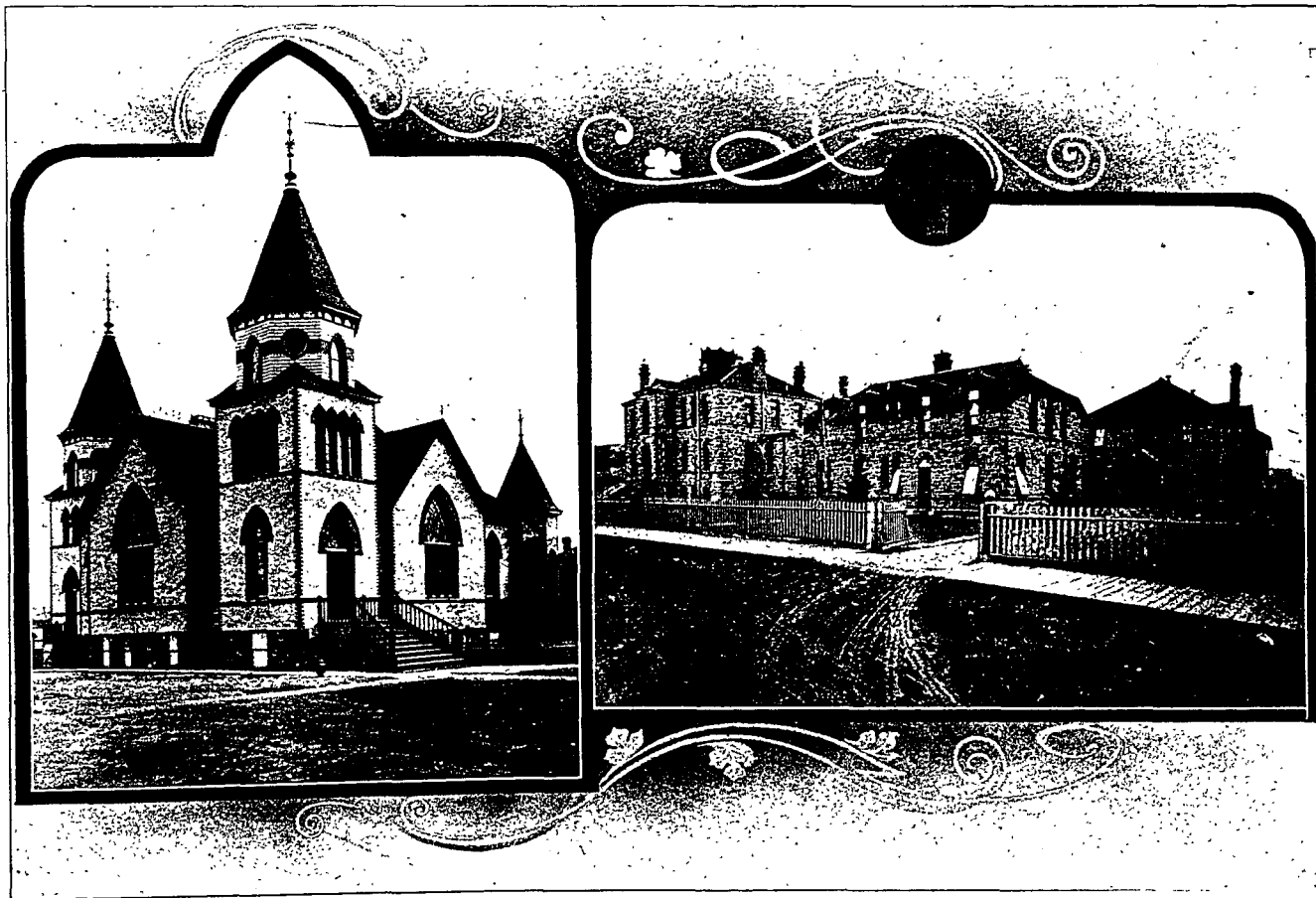
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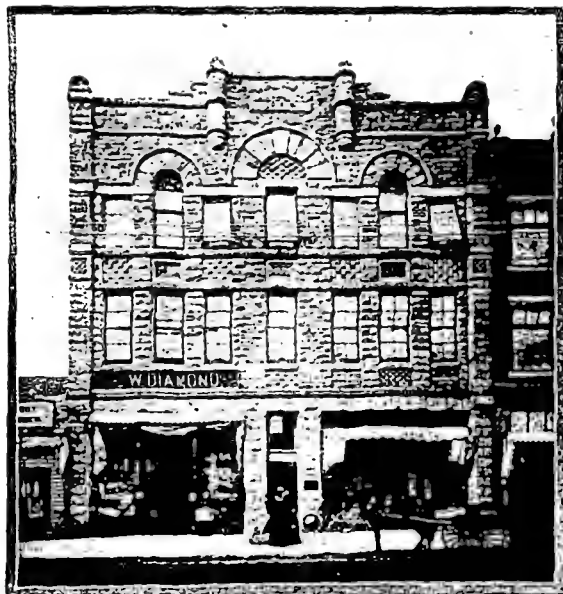
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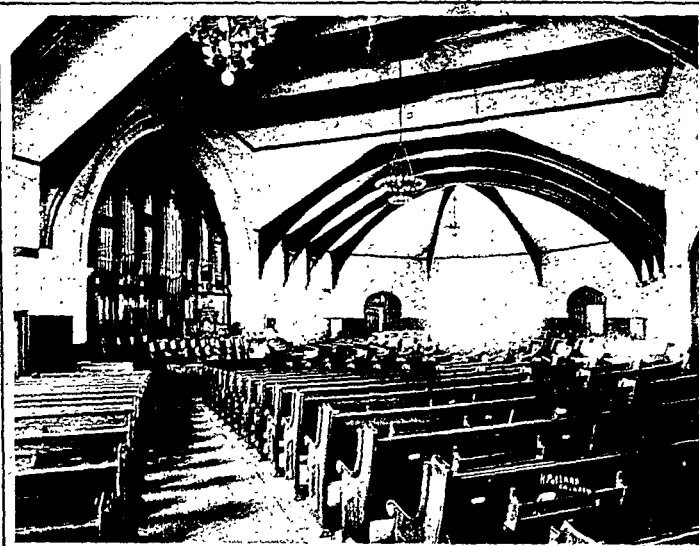


The Hatfield Block



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Interior Presbyterian Church



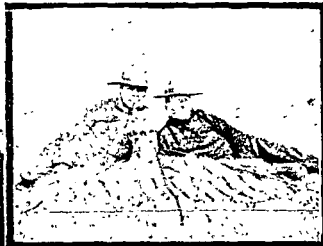
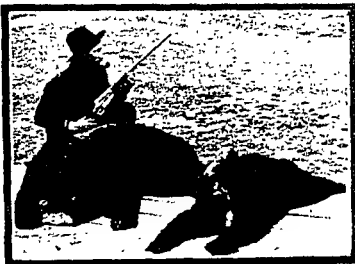
Lutheran Church



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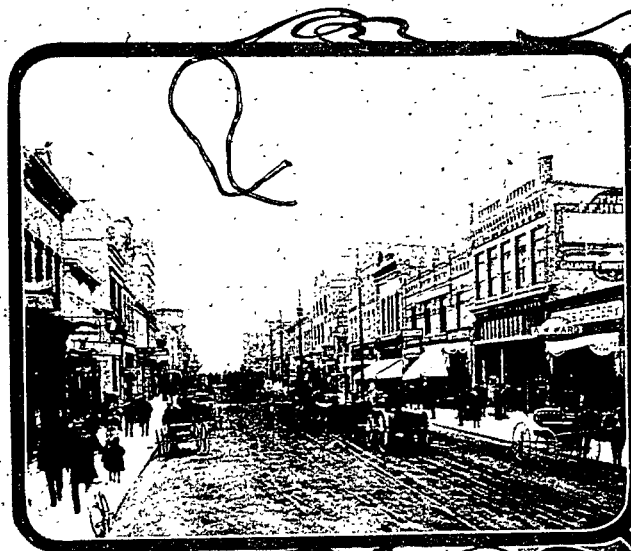
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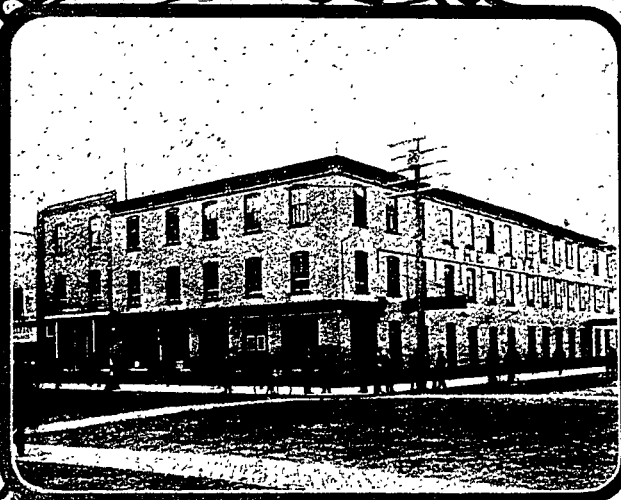


St. Dunstan's, Calgary Indian Industrial School

After the Battle



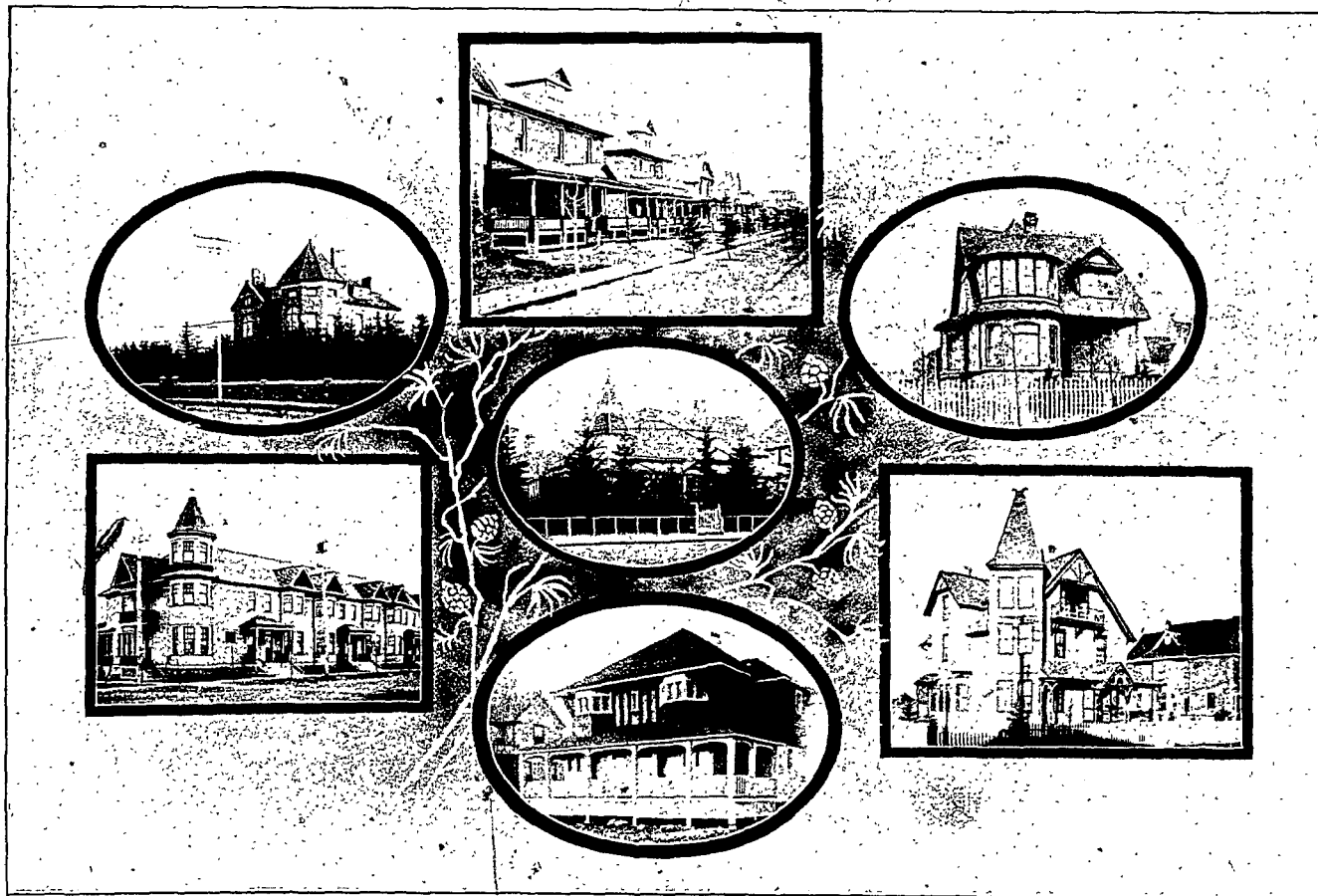
8th Avenue looking West



Royal Hotel



Some of the Attractions of Sunny Alberta



Some Pretty Calgary Homes

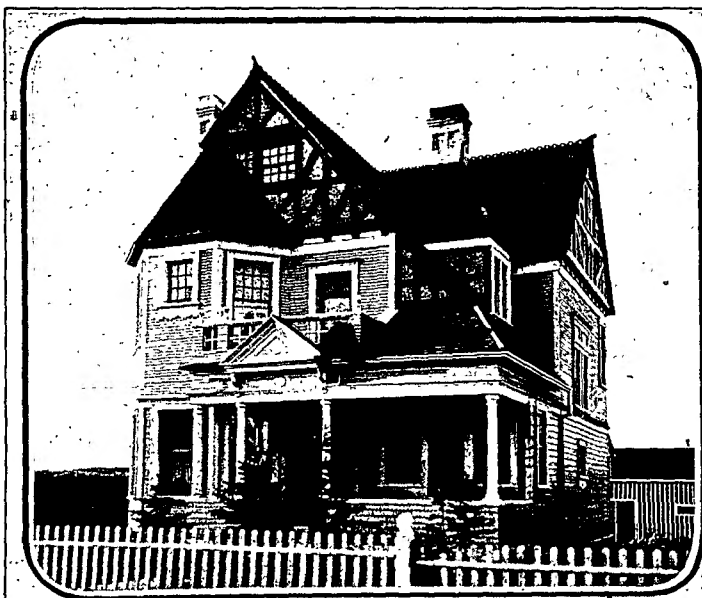


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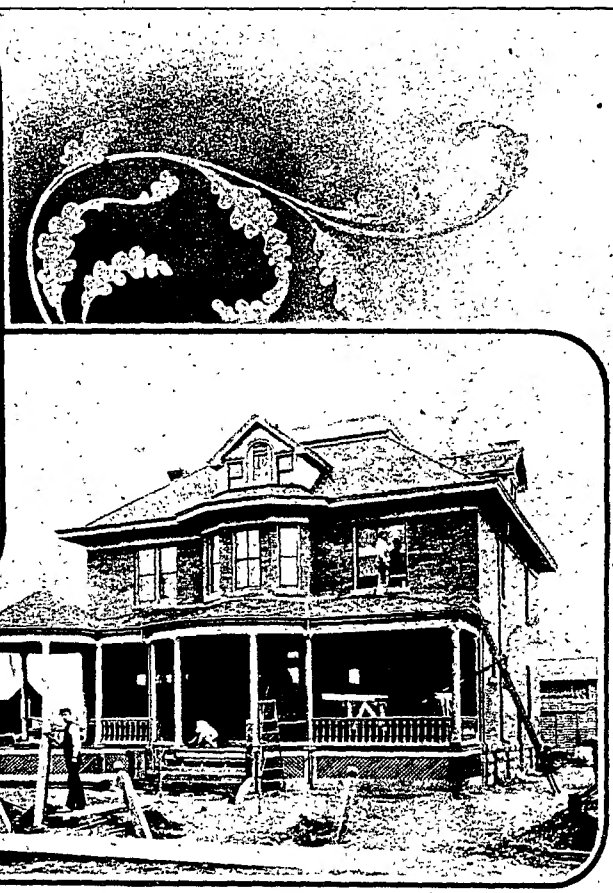


Ranchmen's Club

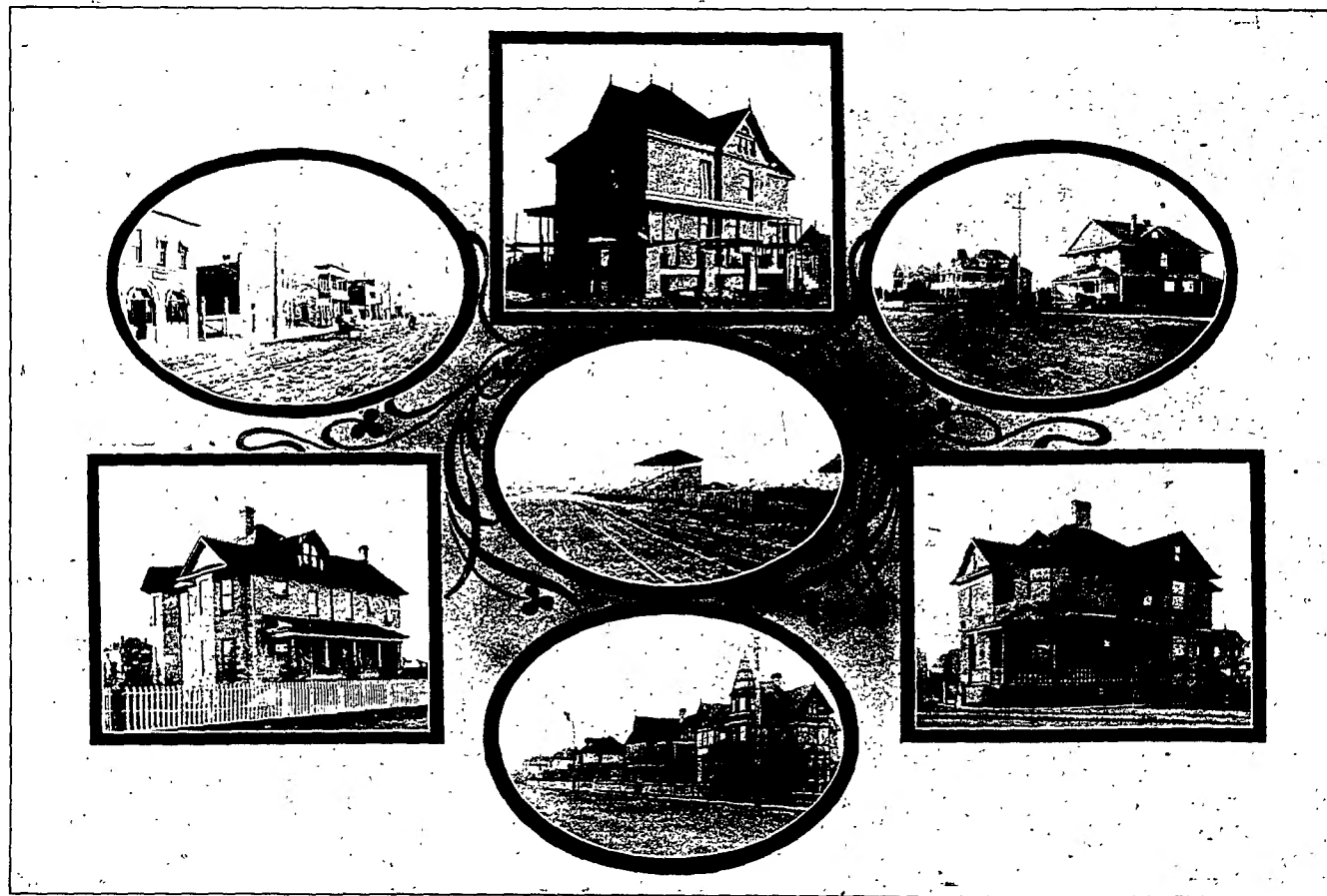




Residence of H. A. PERLEY



J. C. LINTON'S New Residence.



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